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Leyland Daf cash crisis puts 15,000 jobs at risk

■ The threat of widespread job losses at Britain's biggest commercial vehicle manufacturers adds to the pressures on Michael Heseltine, already at the centre of the pit closures turmoil

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

FIFTEEN thousand jobs in the British motor industry are at risk after the Dutch parent company of Britain's biggest lorry manufacturer, Leyland Daf, sought protection from its creditors.

Michael Heseltine last night ruled out government financial help, despite pleas from union leaders and opposition politicians.

Leyland Daf employs 5,500 in Britain and some 10,000 jobs at component suppliers are estimated to depend upon the company's plants. The threat to jobs came after the collapse of rescue talks between the Dutch and Belgian governments and bankers to Daf, the Dutch lorry builder which bought Leyland from the government in February 1987.

In stormy Commons exchanges, the President of the Board of Trade said that he hoped "at least part" of the company's UK operation could be saved and that a business "with a long-term future" might be salvaged.

The Daf troubles come as Mr Heseltine puts the final touches to his rescue plan for the pits, expected to cost £500m. With unemployment expected to go beyond three million shortly, the new threat to jobs could not have come at a worse time and will place further strains on the government's industrial policy. Labour last night seized on the news as further evidence of the government's failure to protect British manufacturing industry.

Robin Cook, Labour's shadow trade and industry secretary, accused the government of turning its back on Leyland Daf by not pressing British banks to help to rescue the truck and van company. Despite denials from Mr Heseltine that British banks were responsible for the failure to present a rescue package, Mr Cook last night repeated his allegation that a "reliable Daf source" had blamed the British banks for "wrecking the deal".

Labour will argue that government pressure on the banks could have secured a rescue, particularly as banks would be anxious to dispel recent accusations that they were not doing enough to help ailing businesses.

Daf has been pushed into heavy losses by its overdependence on sales in Britain, where the lorry market has collapsed over the past five years, and by a more recent downturn in demand for lorries throughout Europe.

Leyland Daf is expected to seek protection from its own creditors today. It is Britain's biggest manufacturer of commercial vehicles. The group is the army's leading supplier of lorries. The company is midway through a £150 million, five-year order for 4,500 four-tonne trucks and has still to deliver 300 of 1,500 special ammunition trucks.

Unions blamed government inertia. Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said the failure of the government to join rescue talks had contributed to the company's problems. "We believe that there is still something that could be done if this government is determined, as it says it is, to defend Britain's manufacturing industry."

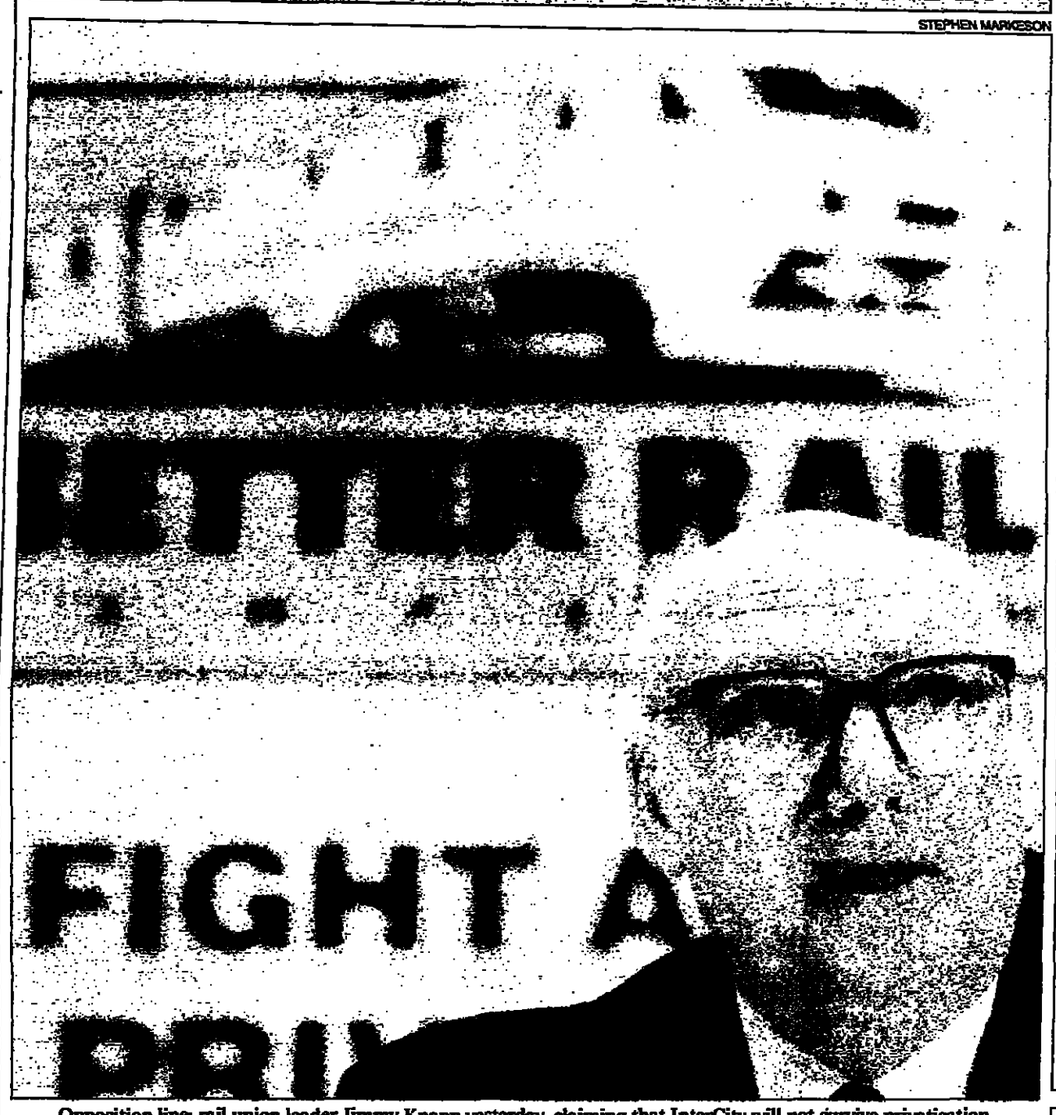
Tony Woodley, national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "Mr Heseltine promised to intervene before breakfast, before lunch and before dinner to save jobs in Britain. We are now past supper time for Leyland Daf and Britain's auto workers cannot eat promises."

Mr Heseltine said that he was "absolutely satisfied" that the British banks and Bank of England had been fully involved in the discussions with Leyland Daf. But he declined to offer financial assistance. "It is extremely difficult to see any argument that I could deploy for providing taxpayers' support for working capital for one particular company which would enable it to compete more effectively with British companies in the same sector."

The assembly line at Leyland Daf's lorry plant in Leyland, Lancashire, is one of the most modern in Europe and even after savage cuts to address a five-year slump in demand employs 2,200 workers. The Birmingham plant, manufacturing Sherpa vans, has a workforce of 2,000, 550 are employed at the Albion axle plant in Glasgow, 400 at a parts depot in Chorley, Lancashire, and 350 in marketing and sales at Thame, Oxfordshire.

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BR SIDELINED IN PRIVATE RAILWAY PLAN



Opposition line: rail union leader Jimmy Knapp yesterday, claiming that InterCity will not survive privatisation

Three InterCity lines to go on sale

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail was pushed further into the sidings yesterday when the government announced that it would play no part in the new track authority to be set up to supervise the rolling privatisation of the country's 11,000-mile rail network.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, also disclosed that the break-up of the nationalised industry would be pioneered on seven routes touching all parts of the nation. He told MPs that he had ordered BR to prepare three InterCity routes, Scotrail, the London, Tilbury and Southend line, the southwest division of Network South East, the Victoria to Gatwick Express and the Isle of Wight for transfer to private operators next year.

Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the Rail, Maritime and Transport workers union, said: "This confirms all we have been saying about cherry picking the best routes. If you take away the best lines, there is no way the rest of InterCity can survive."

In another key announcement, Mr MacGregor said that he would be extending the government grants to private firms and operators seeking to switch freight from road to rail. The biggest surprise was his decision drastically to downgrade the role of BR in the new operation. It appeared to be a rebuff to Sir Bob Reid and his senior managers after the BR chairman's criticism of aspects of the programme to franchise out to private firms the operation of rail services.

Mr MacGregor said the white paper published last summer had proposed that Railtrack, which will be responsible for maintaining and upgrading the railway infrastructure and levying charges on franchisees, should be initially established within BR. That original decision was sharply criticised for its timidity and for seeking to perpetuate some of the worst features of state control.

Mr MacGregor indicated that he had responded to these concerns: "Railtrack will be separated from BR and made a government-owned company in April 1994," he said.

John Prescott, the Labour transport secretary, denounced the bill as ideologically driven. He accused the transport secretary of continually changing his mind over his plans and predicted higher fares and lower investment.

Mr MacGregor said that the government would safeguard through-ticketing and compel franchisees to offer discounts for the disabled. However, he could offer no such pledges on more generally available cheap fares.

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Major summit to ease EC strains with Clinton

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND MARTIN FLETCHER

JOHN Major is to hold talks with President Clinton later this month in an attempt to defuse growing strains in US-European relations. He aims to head off the threat of a damaging transatlantic trade war and the collapse of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) round.

European Community trade ministers yesterday gave a warning that a trade war was looming and urged Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, to take a firm line in talks with Mickey Kantor, the new US trade representative, when they meet in Washington on February 11. Also on the Major-Clinton agenda are transatlantic tensions over how to deal with Bosnia, and Anglo-American fence-mending after charges from the Clinton camp that the Conservatives actively supported George Bush in the US election campaign.

The Clinton administration's policies on Iraq, as well as Bosnia and international trade, are still being formulated and Mr Major may be able to have some impact. The prime minister's meeting at the White House on February 24 will be the first by a European leader since Mr Clinton's election and is seen as a distinct compliment to the prime minister.

President Yeltsin of Russia and Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, had been seeking an early meeting with Mr Clinton, one White House official said. He assumed that Mr Major had been given favoured treatment because of the so-called "special relationship" between Britain and the US.

Sir Leon yesterday condemned as "unilateral bullying" Washington's threat to exclude EC companies when awarding federal contracts. He described it as the "second aggressive trade measure" in the first two weeks of the Clinton administration, following the decision last week to levy duties of up to 109 per cent on American steel imports.

Sir Leon will be preceded in Washington by France's foreign trade minister Bruno Durieux, who will meet Mr Kantor on February 9.

At yesterday's meeting of trade ministers in Brussels, the French government refrained from calling for immediate sanctions but, with its massive interests in the public procurement and steel sectors, Paris is extremely edgy.

On the Gatt talks, the EC is deeply worried that the deterioration in trade relations between Washington and Brussels will preclude President Clinton from being able to use his "fast track" negotiating mandate that expires on March 2. After that any deal would have to be put to Congress.

Mr Major is likely to urge caution in his talks with Mr Clinton on Bosnia, amid signs that the President may be moving towards the kind of military intervention in the former Yugoslavia that Britain has sought hard to avoid. National security officials met for the first time last week to review options.

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Queen threatens to sue Sun

BY ROSEMARY SMITH

THE Queen is threatening legal action against *The Sun* for breach of copyright for publishing the text of her 1992 Christmas Speech two days early.

The Queen's solicitors, Farrer & Co, have written to Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of *The Sun*, saying court proceedings would be started unless cash damages and costs were offered, according to the newspaper.

A *Sun* spokesman said: "We shall be vigorously defending the action." The newspaper says that Farrer & Co have given Mr MacKenzie seven days to respond to their demand for cash damages and costs, or be taken to the High Court.

Printing the text of the Queen's Speech on its December 23 front page had been a "clear infringement of Her Majesty's copyright", said the letter.

Buckingham Palace last night refused to confirm or deny the development. A spokesman said: "At this stage we are not prepared to be drawn on correspondence or contact we may have with individuals or organisations."

The Sun's legal spokesman said that the newpaper had been performing a service to its readers. "As the speech was going to be broadcast anyway two days later, an action over copyright is extremely surprising.

"By using good, old-fashioned journalistic techniques, we managed to acquire an advance copy of the speech. We were not party to any embargo so therefore we cannot have broken any embargo."

The Sun said the day it published the text, it received a warning letter from a senior member of the Royal Household, saying that a serious view was taken and that further action might follow.

The BBC was acutely embarrassed by the leak of the speech. On December 23, Buckingham Palace expressed its dismay and the BBC its regret that a copy of the Queen's Christmas broadcast had fallen into the hands of *The Sun* three days before its transmission to Britain and the Commonwealth.

The BBC said it was conducting an enquiry into how one of 120 tapes of the ten-minute broadcast, sent out to radio and television stations in Britain and overseas on the understanding that the contents remain secret until Christmas day, had been made available to *The Sun*.

Prime minister shows support for Lamont

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major staged a public display of unity with Norman Lamont yesterday as senior rightwing MPs said the Chancellor should not be made a scapegoat for the government's economic troubles.

At their first appearance together since weekend suggestions that the prime minister had taken control of economic policy, Mr Major denied that there were any divisions between them. In a message intended to offer further reassurance to the markets that there is no rift, Mr Major also heaped praise on Mr Lamont's achievements as Chancellor.

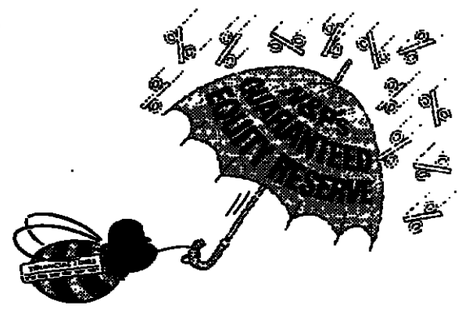
John Smith, the Labour leader, accused Mr Major of supporting his Chancellor in public while undermining him in private, just as Margaret Thatcher had undermined her Chancellor. In an angry Commons confrontation Mr Major replied that Mr Smith was "mischief making" and said he and the Chancellor were not going to be "pushed around" by that sort of remark.

With Mr Lamont sitting beside him he declared: "The Chancellor has cut inflation to 2.5 per cent, has continued our tax reforms, has introduced an autumn Budget that was widely welcomed by business and industry and has cut interest rates to 6 per cent.

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Political heat rises as Patten enters hospital for heart operation

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

■ Chris Patten will need ten days' convalescence after his heart operation today, time the Hong Kong governor can ill afford

CHRIS Patten, governor of Hong Kong, will enter hospital today for an urgent operation to reduce the threat of a heart attack, just as the political pressures of his job begin to rise again after a seasonal lull.

The former chairman of the Tory party, who sought medical advice after experiencing chest pains in recent weeks, will have accretions of fat removed from two coronary arteries.

The announcement, deliberately made after the close of the volatile Hong Kong stockmarket yesterday, came after China stepped up its intense political attacks on Mr Patten.

Cynical speculation by brokers that the governor's illness might serve as a useful excuse to retire gracefully from the political fray rather than confront China over his controversial democratic reform proposals was dismissed as the usual conspiracy theories by officials yesterday. Although rumours of a revolt among Mr Patten's closest advisers on the secretive executive council were vehemently denied, the operation could not have come at a worse time for the governor, who will be in hospital for four days and need up to ten days' convalescence before he can return to work.

Mr Patten's plans to broaden the franchise for elections to the colony's legislature come under close scrutiny in the advisory inner cabinet during the next few weeks, before they are passed on to the legislative council for amendment.

China has piled on the pressure for the proposals to be thrown out, warning that it will not recognise whatever amended version legislators produce and accusing Britain of breaching international agreements by giving Hong Kong a say in matters that should be worked out between London and Peking.

A lull in China's megaphone diplomacy over Christmas and the Chinese new year had led to some optimism that Peking might be moderating its opposition. However, a concerted attack by Chinese officials on both sides of the Hong Kong border in the past few days has doused these hopes of reconciliation.

China has demanded that Mr Patten withdraw his proposals before any discussion of arrangements for 1995's partial legislative elections can take place and stalled talks on Hong Kong's ambitious multi-billion pound infrastructure plans can go ahead.



Unwelcome break: Chris Patten's absence could not have come at a worse time

Blame the good life not work pressure

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

ANGIOGRAMS, X-ray studies of the heart, show that two of Chris Patten's main coronary arteries are so narrowed that they are causing symptoms. There is the additional risk that a clot might form at the narrow points in the arteries, which could cause him to suffer a coronary thrombosis.

The arterial disease is considered sufficiently localised by Mr Patten's doctors for them to recommend angioplasty. This technique flattens the atheromatous plaques, the soft material blocking the artery, back against the arterial wall by inflating a balloon that has been inserted into the blood vessel. It is not without risk and in up to 2 per cent of patients can precipitate the very trouble it was designed to avoid.

Professor Desmond Julian, consultant medical director of the British Heart Foundation, said that even after a successful angioplasty, a patient's recuperation was not always uncomplicated. In between 20 and 30 per cent of patients the arteries have narrowed again within six months.

Possible hereditary factors, 20 years of wining and dining at Tory party functions, late nights and inadequate exercise are more likely to have contributed to the cause of Mr Patten's illness than the stress of being party chairman or dealing with Chinese politicians.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Mussolini picks a playground fight

Pointing our guns in the general direction of MPs last week, your sketchwriter took poor aim and inflicted collateral damage on innocent bystanders. I apologise. Commons badge-messengers may be called doorkeepers but their job is expert and they take exception to being described as "flunkeys in antique uniforms".

. . . As one of them reminded me yesterday when I asked if he could identify a furious Labour backbencher with moustache and glasses, raging at education secretary John Patten. Labour MPs all rage at Patten and angry backbenchers with moustaches and glasses all look alike. "It's Gerry Steinberg," said the very knowledgeable man in the splendid uniform, "as flunkeys know, even if the *Times* sketchwriter doesn't". It was. Steinberg was shouting: "*I* am the parliamentary consultant to the National Union of Teachers."

"I'm interested to hear the Hon. Gentleman has outed himself," snapped Mr Patten, never one to miss a chance to stir.

This controversy was started by Labour's Barry Jones (Alyn & Deeside). Jones had enquired mildly of the education secretary "why he is so rude to parents; condescending to teachers; why he is so blustering, so dictatorial; why he is the Mussolini of education?"

With each new epithet, Mr Patten's breast had swelled a little further with pride and at the word "Mussolini" he grinned with pleasure.

Insult and abuse are a particular feature of education questions and Mr Patten had already tried to pick a playground scrap with Ann Taylor, Opposition spokesman, whom he had accused of "passive boring". Ms Taylor, whose mummy has told her to take no notice of rude boys, ignored this, but Barry Jones was angry. *Il Duce* Patten, who has at least made the schools run on time, sneered that this was the kind of thing you'd expect from the NUT's parliamentary consultant.

"I'm not the NUT's parliamentary consultant," shouted Jones. Young Alan Duncan (C, Rutland & Melton) scurried out, returning minutes later bearing the *Register of Members' Interests* and the expression of a class sneak. The register vindicates Patten.

Well, this was rum. Dismissing the possibility that Barry Jones was lying, we wondered whether he had perhaps forgotten that he was the NUT's parliamentary consultant. But why was Steinberg claiming the post?

Sadly, there is a simple explanation. The list is out of date. Steinberg has recently replaced Jones, but Patten *had* read the register correctly.

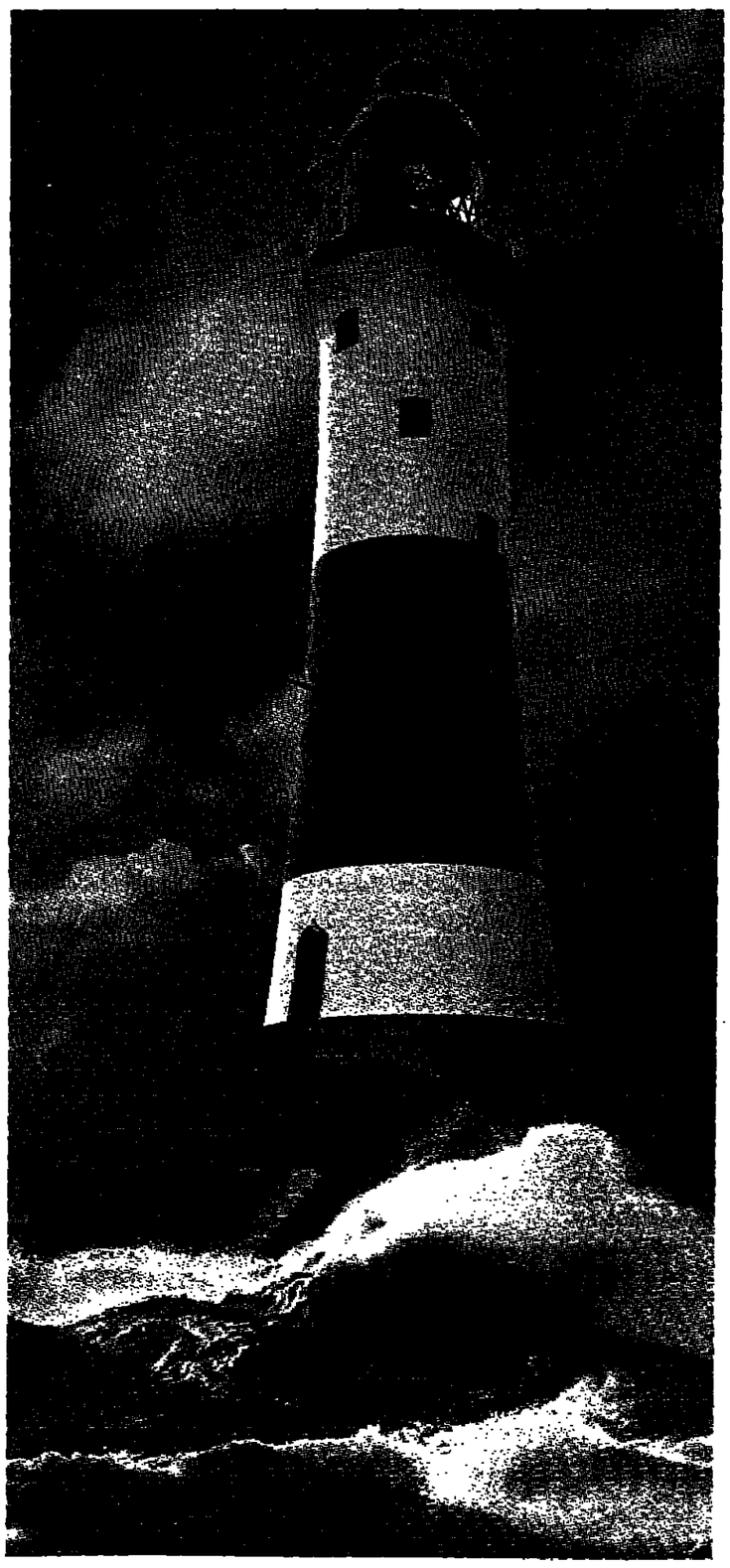
"You are *all* right", as my mother used to say when we were toddlers. These, however, were grown-ups.

These grownups now yielded the floor to some more grown-ups: John Major, who said it was bunkum about him and Norman having had a fight, and Norman Lamont, who looked cross and said nothing. John Smith said they were both idiots, and John Major told him that he and Norman "are not going to be pushed around".

There was more. Doug and Eileen Belcher — the couple who had owned the sub-post office in Great Stukeley and delivered the PM's newspapers — briefly occupied the nation's consciousness as Labour's Anne Campbell (Cambridge) told us that the Belchers "went bust".

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Jobs at risk as court toll falls

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MAGISTRATES' courts throughout the country are experiencing the biggest drop in their workload for 30 years despite a continual rise in crime.

Details of the decline in cases, which is 20 per cent in some courts, will be outlined by Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, the attorney-general, in a parliamentary answer today.

As a result of the slump, court sessions are being cancelled and sittings are finishing early. Court officials fear that, if the fall persists, staff might be made redundant.

Ministers are perplexed about the reasons for the fall, which is found in courts in areas ranging from Yorkshire to Kent, and from London to Somerset. They are expected to commission research to establish the reasons.

Court officials are citing several factors: an increase in police cautioning; a rise in the number of cases discontinued by the Crown Prosecution Service; the difficulties police are having in some areas meeting new, national pre-trial standards for preparation of prosecution files; and a fall in police morale.

The Criminal Justice Act 1992, which is intended to divert offenders from custody and increase cautioning, is also blamed. The prison population has fallen by 2,500 against this time last year and some of the decrease is attributed to the act.

The slump in the courts' work is certain to be seized on by lawyers who gather today for a mass lobby of Parliament, backed by more than 40 charities, and church and consumer groups, in a last attempt to persuade the government to drop its proposals for cutting legal aid.

The Law Society is giving warning that, if the proposals go through, up to 12 million people might no longer qualify for legal aid or be able to afford it because of the cost of contributions they will have to make.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pregnant executive wins sacking case

A woman who lost her job after she became pregnant at 40 yesterday won her case for unfair dismissal. Vicky Clode, a marketing executive, said that after they had learnt she was expecting, male colleagues had made hurtful remarks and told her she was not fit to meet clients in her condition.

An industrial tribunal in Newcastle upon Tyne decided that Mrs Clode, 42, of Coatham Mundeville, near Darlington, Co Durham, was unfairly dismissed. But the tribunal chairman ruled that her refusal to return her company car while on sick leave played a large part in her dismissal. Mrs Clode is expected to receive about £2,000 compensation from Edinburgh-based metallurgical engineers MTS.

Mortgage firms disagree

The country's two largest building societies disagreed yesterday on whether house prices rose in January. The Halifax said prices fell by 0.4 per cent after the Nationwide reported a 1.2 per cent rise. The Halifax, in spite of its more pessimistic index, said there had been encouraging indicators in January, with evidence of increased enquiries and applications. The Nationwide's index, also based on mortgage offers, includes approvals only up to the 21st of the month. Both societies see a pattern of stabilising prices.

Dr Cox returns to work

Nigel Cox, 47, the consultant convicted of the attempted murder of an elderly woman patient and given a 12-month suspended sentence, returned to work yesterday at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. During the trial the court was told that Dr Cox gave Lillian Boyes, 70, who was dying in pain, a lethal injection of potassium chloride.

Lamplugh case remand

A Frenchman charged with attempting to kidnap Elizabeth Lamplugh, sister of the missing estate agent Suzy, appeared before Oxford magistrates and was remanded in custody until February 10. Anthony Bourgois, 20, of no fixed address, also faces a charge of possessing an offensive weapon.

Bernard Braden dies

Bernard Braden, the Canadian broadcaster and actor who became the first television presenter in Britain to champion the consumer, died of a heart attack in London yesterday at the age of 76. After arriving in Britain in 1949 he pioneered a new form of investigative journalism with a series for ITV called *On the Braden Beat*.

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Major supports his Chancellor

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fact that it has been achieved is largely due to Mr Lamont. It may be that many people would like to find divisions between him and I, but there are none!"

Mr Smith said that despite Mr Major's "bluster" it was once again clear that "we have a Chancellor with no credibility and a government with no economic policy."

The prevailing view at Westminster last night was that Mr Major will move Mr Lamont from the Treasury in a reshuffle in the early summer. Two of Baroness Thatcher's long-serving loyalists rallied around the Chancellor. Lord Ridley of Liddesdale said Mr Lamont was not solely responsible for recent mistakes. The government as a whole was to blame, including the prime minister. Lord Parkinson said: "I think they are in this together. They have got to stick together."

☐ Investors and dealers remained deeply discouraged about sterling's prospects yesterday and a small bounce in the currency soon petered out, leaving the currency at another record low.

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Knife-killer stabbed young mother 49 times

■ The prospects of solving Rachel Nickell's murder are fading because witnesses have failed to come forward

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

RACHEL Nickell, who was murdered on Wimbledon Common last year, was stabbed 49 times in a frenzied attack that continued after she was dead, an inquest was told yesterday. A passerby found Miss Nickell's two-year-old son Alex clutching her arm, crying and calling: "Get up mummy."

Recording a verdict of unlawful killing, Dr Paul Knapman, coroner for west inner London, said Miss Nickell's death was a "pretty horrific story" of an attack on a 23-year-old woman going for a walk with her dog and child on a July morning. The inquest was told she was stabbed in the heart, lungs and liver and it was difficult to say which wounds killed her.

After the inquest, Miss Nickell's father Andrew, a retired businessman, said: "What happens after a murder is the family is torn asunder and can never go back to life as it was before. Things have gone and they cannot be replaced."

He said he understood what the families of other female murder victims were going through where there was little evidence. In his daughter's case the police might be handicapped because missing witnesses could have vital information. If people did not come forward, men such as the killer "who perpetrated this ghastly murder" would go free.

Mr Nickell and his wife Monica were in the coroner's court as Andre Hanscombe, Miss Nickell's partner, described her last morning. He said she had recently begun walking on Wimbledon Common after deciding it was safer than other commons she had used. Asked by Dr Knapman about his son, Mr Hanscombe said he was "fine at the moment" and said they might be moving abroad.

Less than two hours after Mr Hanscombe said goodbye to his family on July 15 last year as he left for work, Miss Nickell's body was found by Michael Murray, a retired architect, who was walking his dog. Mr Murray told the inquest that he saw what he thought was a sunbather and as he got closer he realised it was a body, naked from the waist down. A little boy who was obviously upset was holding her arm and he had to prise his grip off.

Mr Murray had passed no one as he walked to the spot and heard nothing unusual. Miss Nickell was clearly dead. He took the child to a group of women near by and went to get help.

Dr Richard Shepherd, a Home Office pathologist from Guy's Hospital, worked at the scene and carried out a post mortem examination. Miss Nickell, he said, had been stabbed in the back, chest and neck. One wound to the hand showed she had tried to defend herself. She had been sexually interfered with and many of the wounds had the potential to kill her.

"It was all one seamless attack and injuries continued after she died," the pathologist said. Asked by Dr Knapman if it could be described as a frenzied attack, Dr Shepherd said he normally avoided such phrases but that would be a very good description of what had happened.

Det Supt John Bassett, heading the murder investigation, said that from the beginning he had been preoccupied not only with getting an arrest but that the killer might strike again. "Although we have suspects there is no evidence which would hold up in court which would link any person with the body at present," he said. There was no plan to wind up the investigation and there were 15 to 20 people who had been on the common at the time whom he urged to come forward.

Later, he told journalists that police, working with a psychologist, had created a profile of the possible killer. The attack may have been his first after years of secret fantasy about a particular type of woman and sex. He was 25 to 28, living alone or with his mother between half a mile and a mile from the common. Unemployed, he did not use a car but might have a bicycle. He was sexually inept or immature. Mr Bassett said there were five or six suspects who could not be eliminated but there was no firm evidence against them.

"As every day goes by the chances of an arrest get less," he said. "If things stand as they are today, I have to be totally frank, realistically it is getting harder and harder."





Caring mother: Rachel Nickell, who was murdered as she walked on Wimbledon Common, and her boy friend Andre Hanscombe

Boy witness bears no obvious scars

ALEX Hanscombe has every prospect of recovering with little apparent damage from the experience of seeing his mother killed, several experts said yesterday (Stewart Tendler writes).

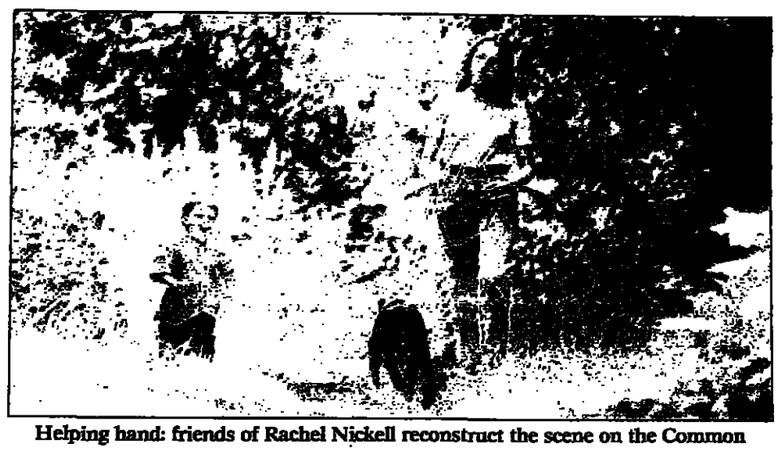
The three-year-old boy, who was the only witness to the attack, was interviewed last year with the help of Dr Jean Harris Hendriks, a child psychiatrist. Alex, with his father present, played and talked to her three times a week for three months as he was encouraged through drawings, stories and games to come to terms with his experience.

Police said yesterday they might interview him again later and the family said he seemed to have recovered well. Andrew Nickell, his grandfather, said: "He is in good condition." Mr Hanscombe and the family have discussed the possibility of him going to France to seek work as a tennis coach, taking Alex with him.

Dr Eileen Vizard, of the Tavistock Institute in London, said children were damaged after seeing murders or violence. In the short term, there might be difficulties such as nightmares but "one would expect a child from an otherwise stable background to make a good recovery".

She said that a move would not make any difference because that was the sort of thing which could happen in a child's life anyway. The chances of a recovery were enhanced by the sort of counselling Alex had received.

Professor Graham Davies, head of psychology at Leicester University and a government expert in child witnesses, said that although there had been research on children who saw violence it was difficult to make general rules. It was possible for children to have flashbacks in which some emotions of the event were relived.



Helping hand: friends of Rachel Nickell reconstruct the scene on the Common

Men deny attacking police with pit bull

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A POLICE inspector told jurors yesterday how a pit bull terrier was deliberately set on her as she answered a 999 call to attend a gun incident.

Insp Alwyn McWilliam told Luton Crown Court in Bedfordshire that she had rushed to a 24-hour service station in Dunstable Road, Luton at 1.30am with other officers after cashiers said a gun was being brandished. She confronted Paul Osborne, 27, of Watford, who was holding the snarling dog and trying to stop her searching his car for a gun. He walked towards her, holding the pit bull by a leather harness and pushed it forward to bite her. She said she was stunned with the pain as the dog sank its teeth into her thigh.

Neil Jennings, for the prosecution, said Mr Osborne and Stephen Lowe, 27, of Watford, were on the petrol station forecourt in their Mini car with two other friends while the pit bull, named Ruby, was in the back seat. He said officers found an air pistol and wanted to search the car. Mr Jennings said the dog was deliberately used to stop the police search.

After Insp McWilliam was bitten, it is alleged that Mr Lowe grabbed the dog and set it loose on other officers. It attacked a police dog.

Mr Osborne is accused of wounding Insp McWilliam with intent and an alternative charge of causing her actual bodily harm. He is also charged with possessing a firearm, and criminal damage to a police van. Mr Lowe is accused of using the pit bull to attempt to cause grievous bodily harm to Sgt Robert Read with intent to resist arrest. He is also charged with possessing an air pistol. Both men face charges of affray on June 16, 1991, and possessing a steel rod, iron bar and wooden staff. The trial continues today.

Big enquiries need cash and luck

BY OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Rachel Nickell investigation has become the sort of case detectives dread. After seven months, the trail grows colder by the day, the cost keeps climbing and, unless the killer is caught, there is every chance that he will strike again.

Twenty-five detectives will report for duty today on what is now Britain's biggest current murder hunt, with a bill exceeding £1 million and 1,000 statements taken. A thousand lines of investigation wait to be completed and 200 names of suspects must still be checked.

The computers hold 6,000 names of suspects, possible witnesses or sources of information. More than 600 suspects, including 35 men who were arrested, have been cleared or are being cleared. The man who killed Miss Nickell may well have met her before on Wimbledon Common as she walked her dog. They may have passed each other and exchanged a pleasantry. But who was he? Not surprisingly, Det Supt John Bassett recently told his officers that the enquiry desperately needs a stroke of luck.

Overtime has cost £145,500, and the Yard has provided extra money for the local police budget. Manpower has been cut by half alongside other economies, but the Yard will think hard before ending investigations. Yet the Nickell investigation illustrates the high price of murder.

With high overtime rates and increasingly expensive forensic science services, some chief constables doubt that small county forces could now afford such operations.

However, the public have high expectations, which police have often fulfilled. In 1990, the Home Office recorded 664 murders. The clear-up rate for murder that year was more than 90 per cent, partly influenced by the fact that more than 60 per cent of victims knew their attackers. The killers still have to be caught, however. Television detectives manage with a handful of officers. Police balance sheets show a different picture.

Costs depend on the nature of the murder. A husband-and-wife case may be dealt with by a couple of officers. More complex cases take months or years, especially when a serial killer is concerned. The Yard does not break down the cost of individual murders other than by overtime, although a new costing system is being introduced. Complex murders are investigated by officers from a major incident team based in each of the eight London police areas, and other killings are investigated by local CID.

Thames Valley, the largest shire force in the country, grades murders depending on factors such as the circumstances and the victim. The officer in charge is expected to monitor costs daily, calculate the costs of lines of enquiry such as house-to-house questioning and ask senior officers for permission to proceed.

Lady Green tests fail to find cause

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A POST-MORTEM examination of the body of Lady Green, the estranged wife of Sir Allan Green, the former director of public prosecutions, did not establish the cause of death, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

A spokeswoman said pathologists wanted to carry out further tests after the examination proved "inconclusive". A cause of death was not likely to be given until today.

Lady Green's body was found by her son Robin on Saturday at her home in Maida Vale, northwest London. A bottle of pills and some letters were lying near by. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances.

Sir Allan, 57, was caught kerb-crawling in the King's Cross red light district of London in October 1991. He was questioned by police and the next day resigned from his post. He later reported himself to the Bar for misconduct.

After the scandal broke, Lady Green said she would stand by her husband, but they separated in January last year.

Wives are valued at £349 a week

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE value of a wife and mother has almost doubled to £349 a week in the past 12 years, according to Legal & General, the life insurance company. That is the amount it would cost to replace a wife with paid cooks, child carers, cleaners, gardeners and chauffeurs. In 1981 the company put the price of a wife at £204 a week.

At £18,150 a year, the cost of replacing a wife is more than what three-quarters of the working population receives in wages. For the mother with a child under one, her efforts would cost £457 a week or £23,764 a year, Legal & General says, because of the extra hours of child care.

Legal & General says that the unpaid work done by women with dependent children contributes £100 billion a year to the economy. It says that housewives spend an average 71 hours a week on domestic chores and a woman with a part-time job still works an average 59 hours at home. Even those with a full-time job have an average domestic working week of 49 hours. Those with children aged under one spend 90 hours a week working at home.

The average housewife spends 17.9 hours a week as a nanny, which would cost £5.90 an hour if replaced by a professional, she cooks for 12.2 hours (£5.35 an hour replacement cost), cleaning 12.2 hours (£5.35), laundry 9.3 hours (£3.80), dishwashing without a machine 5.7 hours (£3.80), driving children about 2.6 hours (£4.50), gardening one hour and 24 minutes a week (£5.90), sewing 1.7 hours (£3.60).

The company surveyed 1,001 women, 47 per cent of whom were housewives, 35 per cent worked part time and 18 per cent full time.

Helen Matthews, Legal & General's life and pensions marketing controller, said: "It is easy to underestimate the contribution that women make to the family economy. Very few working fathers could bring up a family without paid help, especially if the children are young."

Prisoner loses SAS siege case

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PRISONER who claimed he was beaten by SAS soldiers during an operation to end a jail siege lost his case yesteday.

A jury at the Court of Sessions in Edinburgh rejected allegations brought by John Devine, 32, that he had been beaten by the soldiers when they stormed Peterhead prison in October 1987.

Devine, who is now in Perth prison, was suing Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, for £30,000 for injuries he claimed he received at the hands of soldiers and prison officers during the siege. He claimed they used illegal, unnecessary and excessive force against him.

SAS men, who gave evidence from behind 7ft high screens to protect their anonymity, denied Devine had been beaten with batons or thrown from an attic.

After the case Cameron Fyfe, Devine's lawyer, said: "For years, the authorities refused to admit that the SAS was used to bring the Peterhead siege to an end. At last the claims of prisoners have been proved correct."

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Budget blunder puts more children at risk in general hospitals

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE NHS is failing to provide a proper service to children in non-specialist hospitals, according to the Audit Commission.

Survival rates for childhood cancer are up to five times higher in specialist units than in general hospitals and more than twice as high for premature babies, says the report. That is despite the fact that the specialist units often deal with far sicker children.

But health authorities are switching care to local hospitals in a mistaken belief that costs in the specialist units are higher. The cost of care in specialist units is up to 30 per cent lower than in general hospitals, because they use their intensive care beds more efficiently. If all intensive care for newborn babies were switched to the busiest 30 per cent of units, the NHS would save £3 million a year.

The report, by the Audit Commission, the independent body set up to monitor the NHS and local authorities, says much more could be done to improve the care of the one in 11 children who enter hospital as in-patients every year.

Some 25 per cent of surgeons perform so few operations on children — fewer than 20 a year on patients aged three to ten — that their lack of experience poses a risk to the children involved. Evidence shows that death rates among young patients of such surgeons are higher.

About 25 per cent of hospitals lack enough experienced junior doctors to provide emergency cover 24 hours a day, leading to unnecessary admissions. Admission rates for asthma vary five-fold and for newborn babies they range from 4 per cent to 35 per cent admitted to intensive care, at high cost and without clear medical benefit.

In one hospital, admissions for asthma fell from nine out of ten patients attending the accident and emergency department to just over half after a training programme for junior doctors was introduced.

Many operations, especially for glue ear, may be unnecessary. The report says there have been more than 19 controlled trials of the operation, which involves the insertion of grommets (valves) in the eardrum to allow fluid to drain away, but they have failed to show which children benefit. Yet grommet insertion, now costing £30 million a year in England and Wales, may cause other long-term ear problems.

The study, conducted in ten health districts and drawing on other information from Britain and abroad, found that many hospitals fail to acknowledge the importance of the family for providing physical and emotional support. They mix adults and children, despite their widely differing needs, and do not provide adequate facilities for parents, such as tea and coffee or showers.

Andrew Foster, controller of the commission, said there should be public discussion of the need for operations such as glue ear and the value of specialist services. "The public should be able to make up their own minds," he said.

Harley St landlord seeks surgeons

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A HARLEY Street landlord is wooing NHS consultants in London teaching hospitals which are under threat from the Tomlinson report.

Howard de Walden Estates, the family firm of Lord Howard de Walden, who owns much of Marylebone and is one of Britain's richest men, has written to the consultants in hospitals threatened with closure or amalgamation and invited them to set up in private practice.

In the letter Colin Eldridge, the managing director, says that the timing of the closures is uncertain — "but it occurs to me that you may like to consider, perhaps with some of your colleagues, the possibility of taking a consulting suite or room situated on this estate which includes most of Harley Street and the whole of Wimpole Street and Devonshire Place."



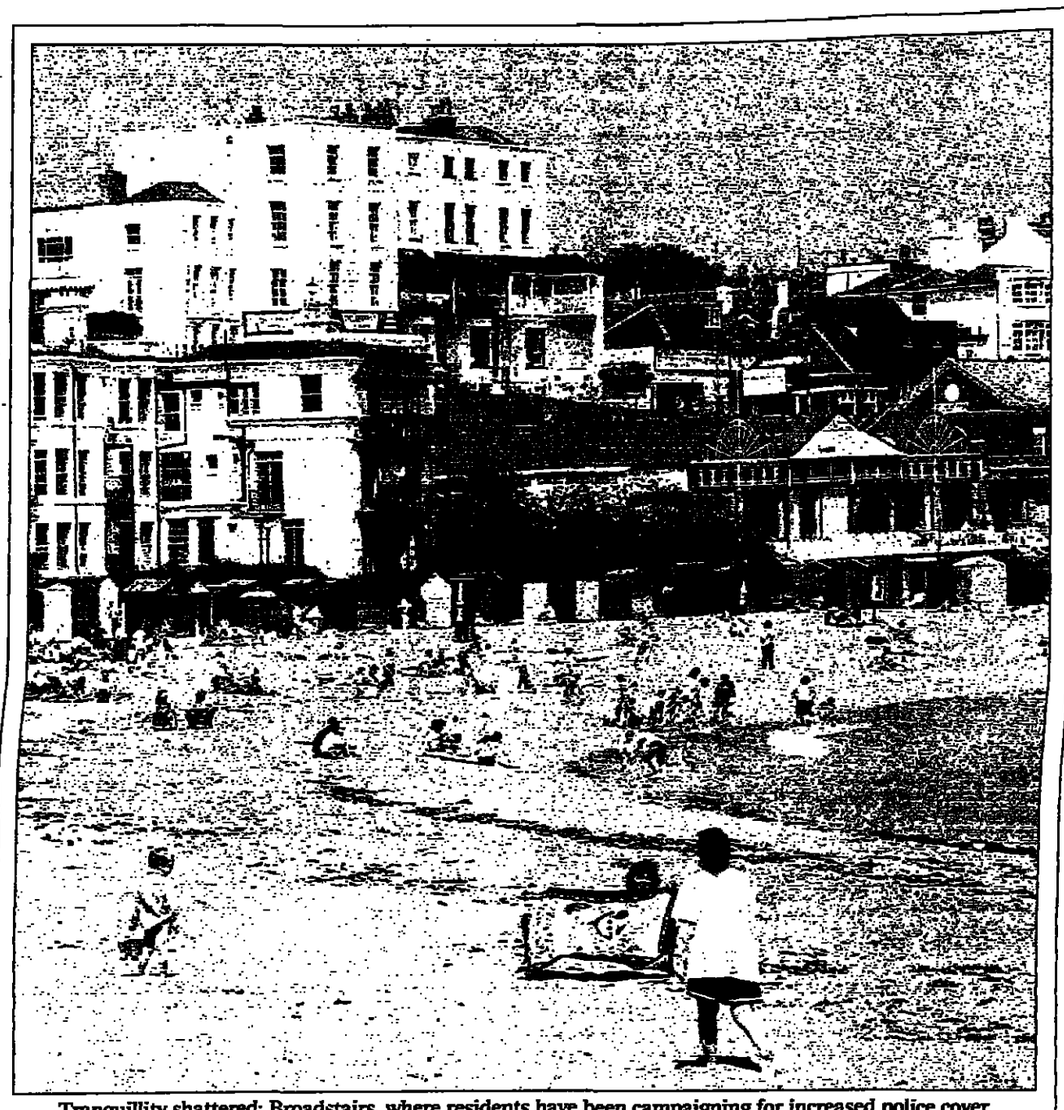
Lord Howard de Walden: owns part of Marylebone

Mr Eldridge said he had sent "a couple of hundred" letters to consultants in most of the affected hospitals but it was too soon to have received replies.

"It will be interesting to see what impact the Tomlinson report has. If there are consultants out there who are going to be made redundant, it may be an alternative to come to Harley Street and put up a plate," he said.

"We are interested in maintaining the character of the area. To do that we have to attract people of the right calibre." However, he added that only a few rooms were available which were "particularly difficult to let because they are not very nice". Rents range from £5,000 a year for a "nasty poky room at the back" to £15,000 a year for grander accommodation.

Professor Michael Besser, chief executive of St Bartholomew's hospital, a consultant endocrinologist, said he had received the letter but was not interested. "They are trying to poach me and my practice, but I cannot conceive that it will not continue at Bart's," he said.



Tranquillity shattered: Broadstairs, where residents have been campaigning for increased police cover

Pensioner in coma after park attack

BY NICHOLAS WATT

AN ELDERLY woman was in intensive care yesterday after being beaten over the head in the normally tranquil retirement town of Broadstairs, Kent. As Josephine Bridges, 79, lay unconscious in hospital, fellow pensioners voiced fears about their safety.

Miss Bridges, who lives in an old people's home, was found lying unconscious in a pool of blood in the resort's Victoria Gardens on Monday afternoon. Her handbag had been tampered with but police say she was not robbed.

A resident at the same old people's home, which overlooks the park, said last night she saw the attack on Miss Bridges from her third-floor window. The woman, who wanted to remain anonymous, said: "I told the police I saw a workman hitting Josephine."

Det Chief Insp Vic Butcher, who is leading the hunt for the attacker, said yesterday: "This was a most despicable and cowardly attack on a frail old lady. At this stage, it appears to have been a motiveless attack."

Police are appealing for a man in his late 20s to come forward. He was seen in the small park at the time of the attack wearing a black vest over a white sweatshirt and dark-coloured tracksuit trousers.

Before Miss Bridges was attacked, the town's deputy mayoress was collecting signatures for a petition demanding round-the-clock policing in Broadstairs. Pat Craddock claimed yesterday that police, whose headquarters are in Margate, responded to crimes too slowly. "It was always going to be a terrible crime like this that would make people here realise the depth of lawlessness on our streets," she said. "We have been trying to alert the police to this for almost a year. It is ludicrous to man the police station only between 9am and 5pm."

Supt Peter Gammon denied that the police provided inadequate cover. "I would deny any attempt to link this unfortunate incident to levels of policing," he said. "We've got a job to do and that is to catch whoever did this."

Nearly a third of Broadstairs' population of 130,000 are over 60. Eric Ward, 65, said: "This is shocking. Thousands of elderly people live here and we've chosen Broadstairs for its away-from-it-all feel. Now we're living with thugs who do this sort of thing."

☐ Two robbers who attacked a widow of 87 in her home were being hunted by detectives yesterday. The pair aged about 40 walked in through the unlocked back door of her warden-controlled bungalow on the Racecourse estate at Redcar, Cleveland. They escaped with a few pounds.

Cancer screening 'wastes funding'

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

HEALTH screening in Britain is poorly organised, often misdirected, and fails to achieve all the benefits possible, a report by the Advisory Council on Science and Technology says.

Some tests are pointless because, even if they show up abnormalities, no effective treatments exist. Others are worthwhile but have been introduced in a piecemeal way without proper evaluation or effective follow-up. Some are "ill-conceived and inappropriate" or have been introduced as a response to public pressure without any real evidence that they will do good.

Cervical cancer screening is singled out for criticism. A national screening system able to achieve the full potential reduction in mortality from the disease would need about three million tests a year, with each woman between the ages of 25 and 64 being tested once every five years.

Although five million tests are done every year, "a disappointingly low reduction in mortality" has been achieved. Young women at low risk have annual tests and until recently older women at higher risk were not tested at all.

There is no national policy. Each health district determines its own policy and the result is "waste and a lack of equity", the committee responsible for the report says.

Another test needing national co-ordination is that for Down's Syndrome. Such tests can detect 60 per cent of affected pregnancies, and could have "more impact than any other in reducing the prevalence of severe mental retardation". But it has proved difficult to gain funding for pilot programmes. "There is an urgent need for an organisation with the responsibility and resources to fund and implement such screening," the report says.

Its recommendations include the introduction of a system under which the organs of dead people would be presumed available for transplant unless the individual had opted out.

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Prime routes and a notorious troublespot are guinea pigs for a privatised railway system

MacGregor unveils model franchises to end BR's 45-year state monopoly

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE end of British Rail's 45-year run as one of the great state monopolies was announced by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, yesterday.

Although much of the network is, in the short term, to remain intact, the seven model franchises announced yesterday account in revenue terms for a third of the £2.1 billion that British Rail collects from passengers each year.

Mr MacGregor, who faces an unremitting battle through the committee stage of the Commons, announced the lines as BR-run model franchises that could be in private hands by April of next year.

They include three InterCity routes, the East Coast main line from King's Cross to Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Great Western main line from Paddington to Swansea and to Penzance and the Victoria-to-Gatwick express.

In Scotland, all of ScotRail is to be sold. Network South-East loses its southwestern division, which operates out of Waterloo providing services to Southampton, Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Weymouth and Exeter.

The tiny Isle of Wight line is also earmarked to pass into private hands, and some bold and brave entrepreneur is being invited to take the notorious Fenchurch Street to Southend "misery line".

Although the seven lines announced yesterday are model franchises, it does not necessarily mean that they will be the first sold under the franchise system that it is hoped will begin operating in April next year. That will depend on who the bidders are, what plans they come up with and what degree of subsidy they demand.

It is not yet known, for instance, how these seven "guinea pig" lines will fit into a network of national franchising.

Effectively, it is now up to British Rail to show how they could be run as models for the private sector. Interested concerns will be given full access to accounts, investment plans, projected growth and potential hazards.

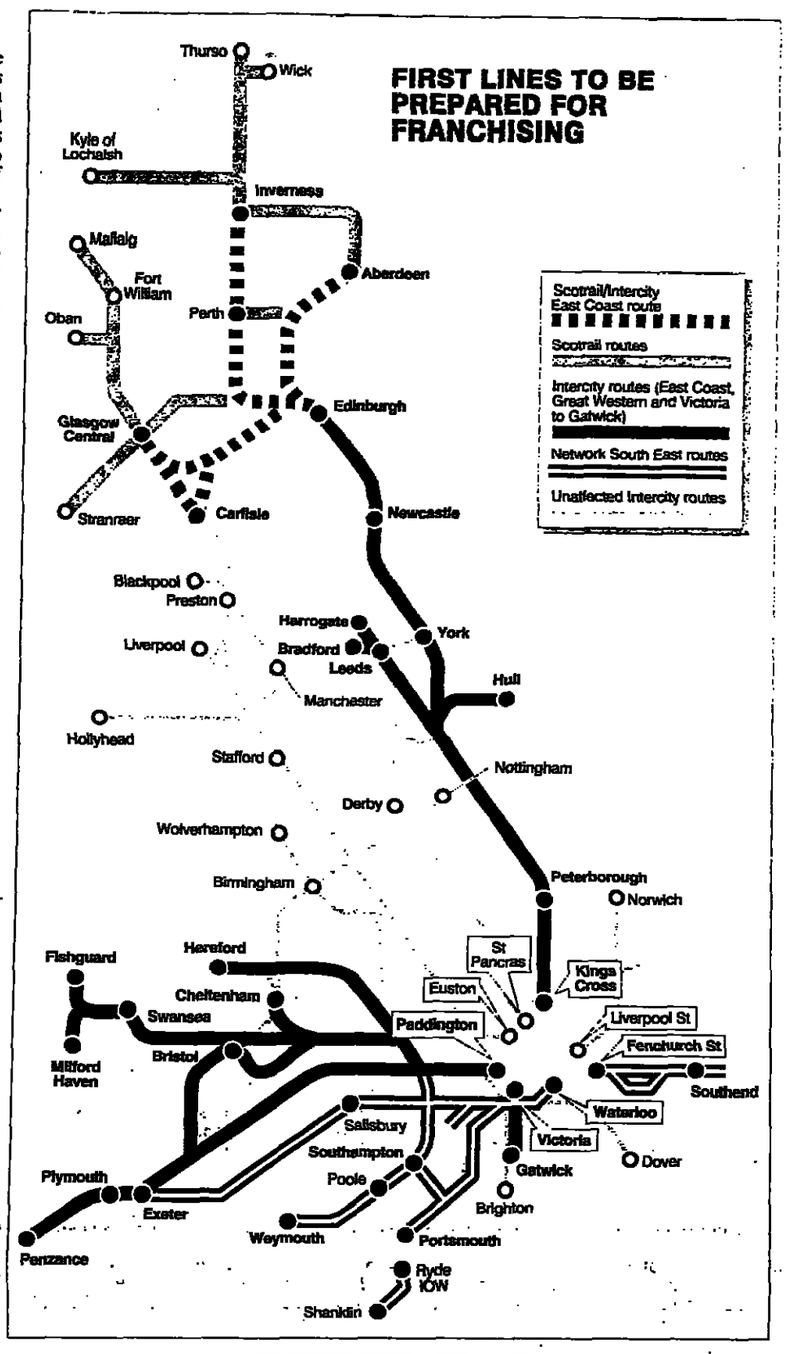
The announcement, which cuts into some of the most lucrative commuter lines in the country and attacks the core of InterCity, is regarded as a bitter pill to swallow by BR management. It appears to represent a severe setback for Chris Green, InterCity's managing director and his management team, who lost the battle for the service, which receives no subsidy, to be retained as an integral unit.

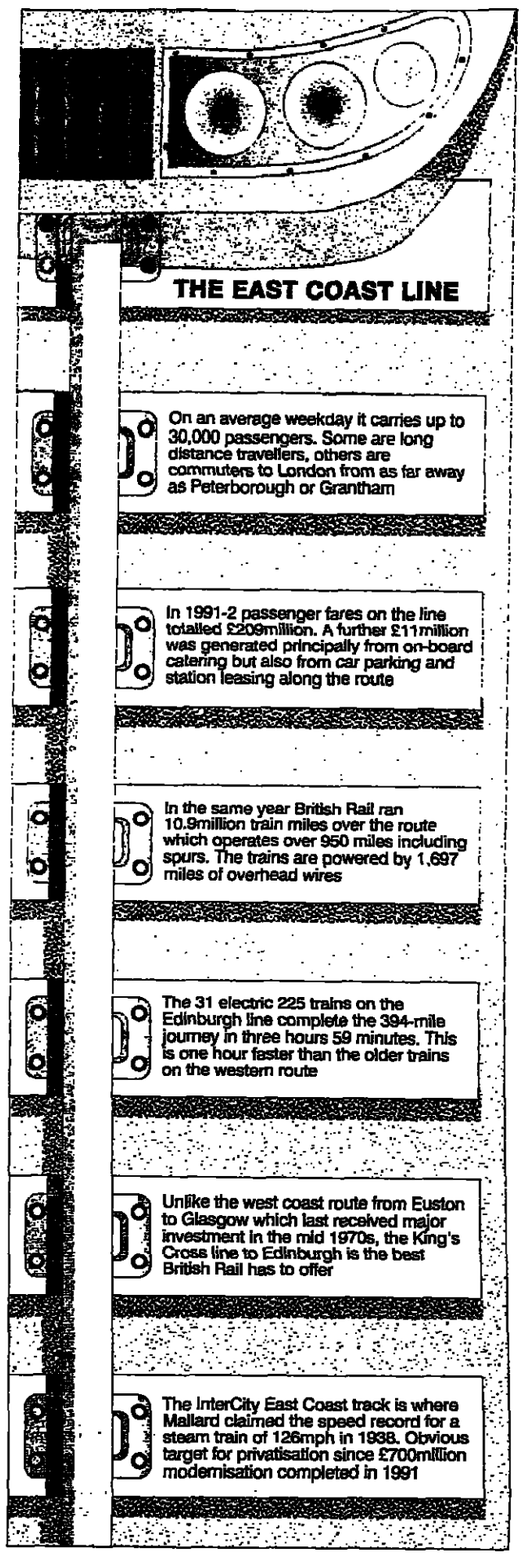
It may be, however, that some senior BR managers will launch their own bid to run the InterCity services, possibly with Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Airlines, or with other airline chiefs. Air companies are attracted by the idea of running rail services because they believe that they could entice more people to use the train to reach Heathrow and Gatwick, releasing slots at regional airports.

Mr MacGregor can expect some of the fiercest criticism over the apparent lack of any guarantee for the continuation of concessionary fares throughout the network. Only deals for pensioners appear safe.

Yesterday, the minister confirmed that Railtrack is to be established as a public body with responsibility for running track and infrastructure, such as signalling.

Bob Horton, the former BP chairman who is now vice-chairman of the British Railways Board, was named as Railtrack chairman designate.





On an average weekday it carries up to 30,000 passengers. Some are long distance travellers, others are commuters to London from as far away as Peterborough or Grantham

In 1991-2 passenger fares on the line totalled £209million. A further £11million was generated principally from on-board catering but also from car parking and station leasing along the route

In the same year British Rail ran 10.9million train miles over the route which operates over 950 miles including spurs. The trains are powered by 1,697 miles of overhead wires

The 31 electric 225 trains on the Edinburgh line complete the 394-mile journey in three hours 59 minutes. This is one hour faster than the older trains on the western route

Unlike the west coast route from Euston to Glasgow which last received major investment in the mid 1970s, the King's Cross line to Edinburgh is the best British Rail has to offer

The InterCity East Coast track is where Mallard claimed the speed record for a steam train of 126mph in 1938. Obvious target for privatisation since £700million modernisation completed in 1991

InterCity chief attacks break-up

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS Green, the managing director of InterCity, last night condemned the government's decision to franchise three of the network's seven routes, saying he and his managers were "very disappointed".

The announcement, he said, made it harder to keep the InterCity network intact in the private sector.

"We still believe that one InterCity is in the best interests of our 200,000 daily customers and our staff, and we shall be studying the proposals carefully as they emerge over the next few weeks in the hope that InterCity benefits can be retained."

His anger over the franchising arrangements were in marked contrast to the comments of Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman, who generally appeared to welcome the proposals. Mr Green said he would be meeting Roger Freeman, the transport minister, to discuss how InterCity's strengths could be retained and developed.

Brian Wilson, the shadow transport minister, said the break-up of InterCity amounted to "destruction". John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said: "This isn't competition of services. It is competition for the taxpayers' money in the payment of subsidies. We are replacing public monopoly with private monopoly."

Sea Containers, which has expressed an interest in Network SouthEast routes, said it was essential that it controlled investment and maintenance of the track and infrastructure.

A spokesman said the requirement seemed at odds with plans to create Railtrack as a public body responsible for track. "If we want to introduce a whole new range of trains we are not going to have somebody else deciding when we can go and arrive."

☐ Rail unions published a survey which claimed that tourist rail travel could be cut by more than a third because of a 30 per cent increase in fares due to the scrapping of discount tickets and private operators' need to run lines at a profit.

Sell-off news brings little joy to the misery line

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

COMMUTERS on the "misery line" from the Essex marshes to Fenchurch Street in London reacted warily to news of its intended privatisation as they poured off their overcrowded trains yesterday.

What everyone wondered was whether it would really make any difference. Steve Foster, 45, a finance assistant who spends £25 a week to travel from Barking, said: "I can't imagine why investors should want to put their money in such a crackpot railway. It's a diabolical service with filthy, unpunctual and cancelled trains on which there's isn't even the room to stand."

Elizabeth Day, 48, a secretary at the House of Commons who pays £1,700 a year to travel from Thorpe Bay, said: "I don't think anything is likely to be improved by privatisation except perhaps the cleanliness of the trains, which has always been disgusting, because the new operators would presumably want to create a good impression. The line could attract investment. There are so many commuters that it ought to be profitable."

"The trouble is that punctuality and reliability depend on the infrastructure and this would be the responsibility of the track authority and not the franchise holder.

Network SouthEast's London to Tilbury and Southend service has a 50-year-old steam-age infrastructure, which makes it one of the most unreliable in the country. It carries up to 50,000 passengers a day.

In 1991, BR announced plans to spend £300 million on modernising it with new Networker trains and track and signalling improvements due to be started this year. However, the investment programme has since been slashed to £50 million for resignalling while replacement trains have been second-hand equipment from northern divisions.

Southend Rail Travellers' Association submitted a report to John MacGregor, the transport secretary, in November setting out minimum standards on all aspects of the service which commuters would expect to be written into any franchise contract. In December, it gave evidence to the Commons select committee on transport.

Richard Delahoy, a bank manager and chairman of the association, who pays £2,068 a year to commute from Southend, said yesterday: "So far, the government has failed to guarantee us those standards. We are very sceptical about privatisation."



Train strain: a usual day on the Fenchurch St line — eight people are standing

Backbench Tories voice concerns

BY ROBERT MORGAN AND JONANATHAN PRYNN

TORY concerns over government plans for the railways emerged in the Commons last night as soon as John MacGregor, the transport secretary, rose to outline them.

They were summed up by George Walden, the MP for Buckingham, who told Mr MacGregor: "Anyone can run a line. What we need is someone to run a railway."

Other Tories in the Home Counties, many of them former ministers with records of unswerving loyalty to the government and staunch supporters of privatisation, also voiced their worries. David Howell (Guildford) said his commuters were looking not merely for improved services, but for a new infrastructure to provide an enhanced transport service. This, he said, would require vast investment.

Tim Renton, a former chief whip who represents Mid Sussex, asked whether there could be more infrastructure investment without a rise in fares.

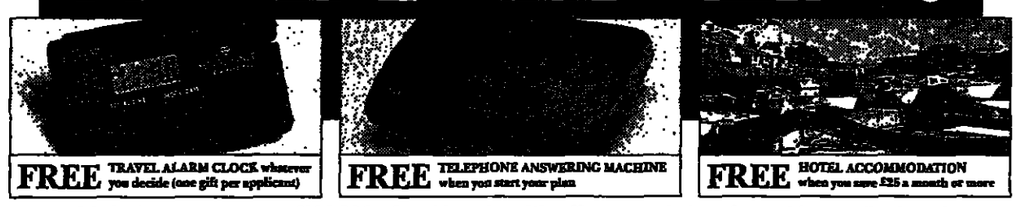
Sir John Stanley (Tonbridge and Malling) said the crucial question was the level of subsidy and how long it would be available. He also questioned the wisdom of giving the franchising authority the right to decide which lines were socially necessary.

Mr MacGregor strove to reassure them. His "historic change for the better" in Britain's railway system would lead to a new culture, he said. BR's entrenched monopoly meant there was too little responsiveness to customers' needs.

BR had a heavily bureaucratic structure and an instinctive tendency to ask for increasing amounts of taxpayers' money. Privatisation would "enable private sector capital to supplement the existing sources of British Rail finance".

John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, condemned the bill as being driven by ideological dogma and commanding no support from experts or the public.

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Fiancee of UVF victim 'dies of broken heart'

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE girl friend of a man shot by the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force a month ago was found dead at her home in Dungannon, co. Tyrone, yesterday, hours after attending a mass in his memory.

Julie Statham, 20, "died of a broken heart" according to her priest. Her death, believed to be caused by an overdose, served as a sharp reminder of the emotional and psychological costs borne by thousands of people bereaved and injured in Northern Ireland in the last 23 years.

Miss Statham was studying politics and history at Queen's University in Belfast and had everything to live for — until January 3, when UVF gunmen burst into the home of Diarmuid Shields, 20, in Lisnagleer, co. Tyrone, and shot him dead. After seriously wounding his brother, they went upstairs and killed the brothers' father Patrick, who was in bed.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, described the shootings a "revolting and unspeakable crime". An attempt by the UVF, which has killed 27 people in mid-Ulster in the last four years, to justify the deaths on the grounds that Patrick Shields was a member of Sinn Fein was widely dismissed.

He and his sons were deeply involved in the local Gaelic football team — often seen by hardline Protestants as a sign of pro-republic sympathies — but they had nothing to do with Sinn Fein.

Father Denis Faul, the Dungannon priest who knows both the Stathams and Shields, seemed shocked yesterday that Julie had killed herself. He believed that, as with most living victims of the Troubles, the various masses and funeral services had helped to console her.

On Sunday, she had attended a Gaelic football match to raise money for the Shields family and on Monday evening, the night before her death, she attended a mass at the Shields home.

But Julie Statham, an only child, clearly could not come to terms with what the UVF had done. An insight into her state of mind came in a tribute to Diarmuid Shields, which she wrote a week after he died and which was published, anonymously, by her local paper.

She wrote: "His twenty-first birthday in early 1993 was to be the happiest of his life, because finally he could declare to the world that Julie and he were to be married. No one knew, it was something they kept to themselves. But they were ecstatic at the prospect of living together.

"That prospect has been tragically snatched from their grasp. Julie has been left to mourn and grieve while trying to piece her life back together, despite the fact that such a major part of it is missing."

Fr Faul said he preferred not to think of Miss Statham's death as suicide. She had, he said, died of a broken heart. "Diarmuid wrote short stories and she wrote poetry," he said. "It was just one of those sworn idyllic relationships you get at universities. It was all just sunshine and flowers and then the whole thing was cut off brutally by a maniac assassin.

"I suppose she just couldn't understand why. It was a sort of Romeo and Juliet situation," he said.



Overcome: Julie Statham at her fiance's funeral

Graduate ignored death threats

Bandits shoot British aid worker in Afghanistan ambush

BY BILL FROST

A British aid worker shot dead in Afghanistan had returned to the country even though his life had been threatened by bandits last summer, his mother disclosed yesterday.

Tony Bullard, 35, who worked for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, J A Van Hoeflaken, a Dutch water resources expert and Abdul Hadi and Zia al Haq, two Afghan drivers, were killed when unidentified gunmen fired on two vehicles at Surkhdiwal, nine miles east of Jalalabad, on Monday, in the most serious attack on UN officials working in Afghanistan, the UN said.

Reinhard Wanrooy, a senior official of the UN High Commission for Refugees, escaped unhurt by jumping out of his vehicle and hiding in nearby bushes. The officials were travelling from the eastern Pakistan city of Peshawar to Jalalabad for the UN programme of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan.

The gunmen left immediately after the attack. "The gunmen had apparently been lying in wait," a UN official said, adding that it was not known who was responsible for the attack.

Two senior UN officials flew from Pakistan to Jalalabad yesterday with a demand that the area's governor "conduct a full investigation and bring those responsible to justice". The bodies were flown back to Pakistan yesterday. A British embassy spokesman in Islamabad said that arrangements were being made to fly Mr Bullard's body to Britain.

Diplomats said the UN might suspend its operations in Jalalabad as a result of the attack. Jalalabad has been a big centre of UN operations in eastern Afghanistan since it cleared all its international staff from Kabul during fierce battles between Mujahidin factions last August. One Western diplomat said the attack could have been carried out by a clandestine fundamentalist group opposed to an international presence in Afghanistan.

The ambush happened on what was described as "a very dangerous stretch of road". The gunmen apparently had been lying in wait for the UN vehicles and were said to have opened fire indiscriminately. Jan Eliasson, United Nations under-secretary general for humanitarian affairs, said the incident highlighted the increasing danger to relief workers in Afghanistan.

Dorothy Bullard said that her son had been ambushed by bandits in Afghanistan last July. "He was with a group of aid workers and was robbed of everything. But they spared his life," she said yesterday at her home in Malvery near Llansilin, Clwyd.

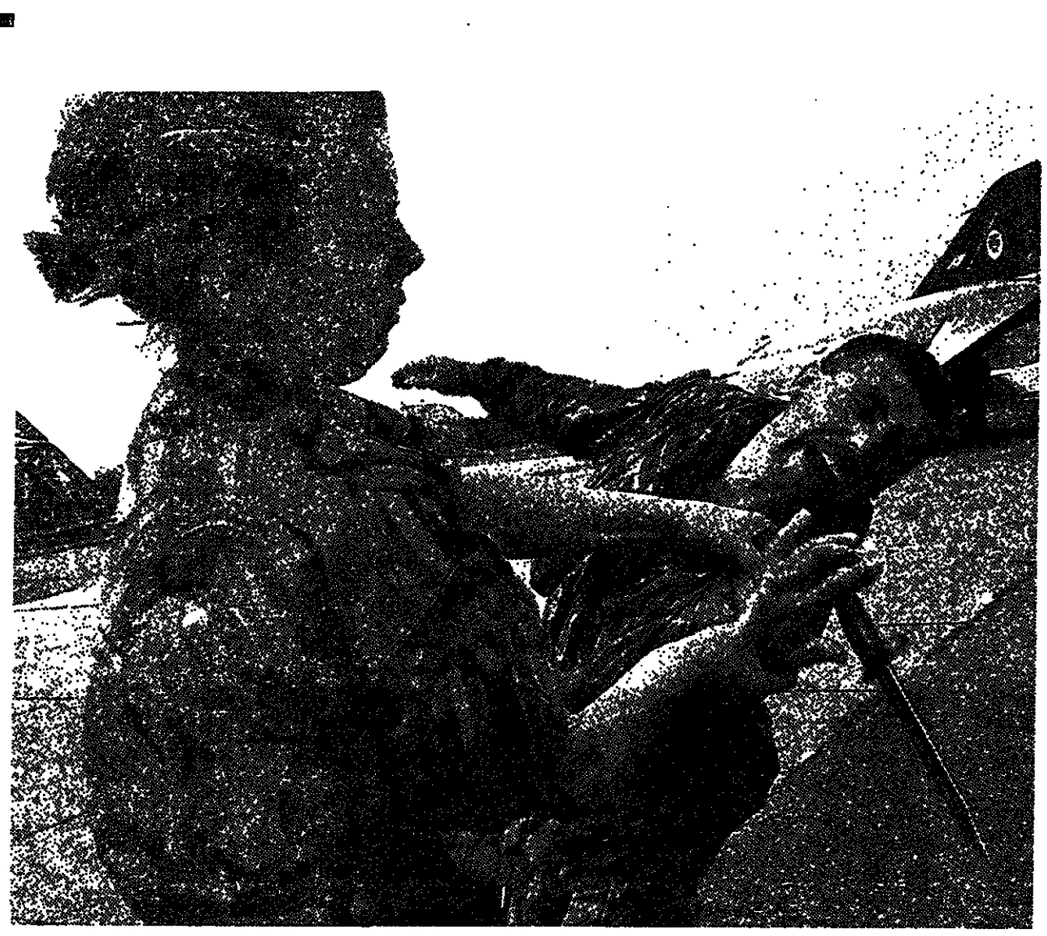
When her son came home on leave, Mrs Bullard told him he did not have to return to Afghanistan. "But he insisted. He was dedicated to his work. It was his life." He had been committed to aid work since a school trip to Gambia.

Ted Bullard said that his son had become used to working in hazardous circumstances and had seen violence before arriving in Afghanistan. "Nothing would put him off, though. He returned time after time to areas everybody else would consider danger zones."

Mr Bullard said: "Tony was very altruistic and dedicated to his job. Otherwise he would never have gone back to Afghanistan after the experience of the robbery last year when they were just lucky to get away with their lives."



Bullard: an altruist dedicated to aid work



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Rebel troops kill Briton in Liberia

BY RAY CLANCY

A FORMER British engineer who refused to leave Liberia when the civil war broke out has been shot dead by rebel troops at a chimpanzee research centre where he was looking after about 150 animals, the Foreign Office confirmed yesterday.

Brian Garnham was shot in the chest during a raid by Armed Forces of Liberia soldiers as he tried to defend staff at the Liberian Institute of Biomedical Research near the capital, Monrovia. The centre is close to Robertsfield international airport, which has been the scene of heavy fighting in recent days.

His widow Betsy Brotman, an American, was unharmed in the attack. She is taking his body to the Ivory Coast and it will be sent to Britain later this week, a spokesman at the British embassy in Abidjan said.

The precise circumstances of the incident are still unclear. "We understand that he was shot in the chest and died very quickly on Sunday," the embassy spokesman said.

Mr Garnham, who used to work at the airport as an engineer, had lived in Liberia for more than 20 years. When the rebels took over in 1990 and thousands of foreigners fled, he and his wife, both aged about 50, were given shelter in the Canadian embassy and took over responsibility for the animals.

Supplies were scarce and the couple reported that starving refugees were trying to steal the chimpanzees, probably intending to eat them.

The research centre had been founded in 1974 and was mainly concerned with testing vaccines for hepatitis. When the scientists left during the war, about 150 chimpanzees were left behind, with research material including frozen cells stored in a deep freeze.

The couple had experienced raids before. On one occasion, they were dragged from their car at gunpoint near the centre by rebel troops, but were released unharmed.

Liberian troops are notorious for looting and killing. The five-nation West African army was criticised last November when it brought the Liberian soldiers out of their barracks to fight alongside them to save Monrovia from besieging rebels loyal to the guerrilla chief Charles Taylor.

Legal row bogs down peat deal

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

AN AGREEMENT to limit the commercial exploitation of Britain's most ecologically valuable peat bogs remains unsigned more than a year after being unveiled.

Difficulties over the legal details are holding up the deal between Fisons, the biggest peat-digging company, and English Nature, the government's main wildlife conservation agency. Fisons agreed on January 30 last year to hand over the ownership of 8,000 acres of lowland bog in Cumbria, Somerset and Yorkshire in return for being allowed to continue extracting peat from 5,000 acres under a lease-back arrangement that would limit the depth to which the peat could be cut and require Fisons to maintain the water table in the bogs.

Some environmentalists would not mind if the negotiations collapsed. They see the proposed deal as fundamentally flawed because it would allow extraction to continue.

Egon whips up airport food fight

BY A STAFF REPORTER

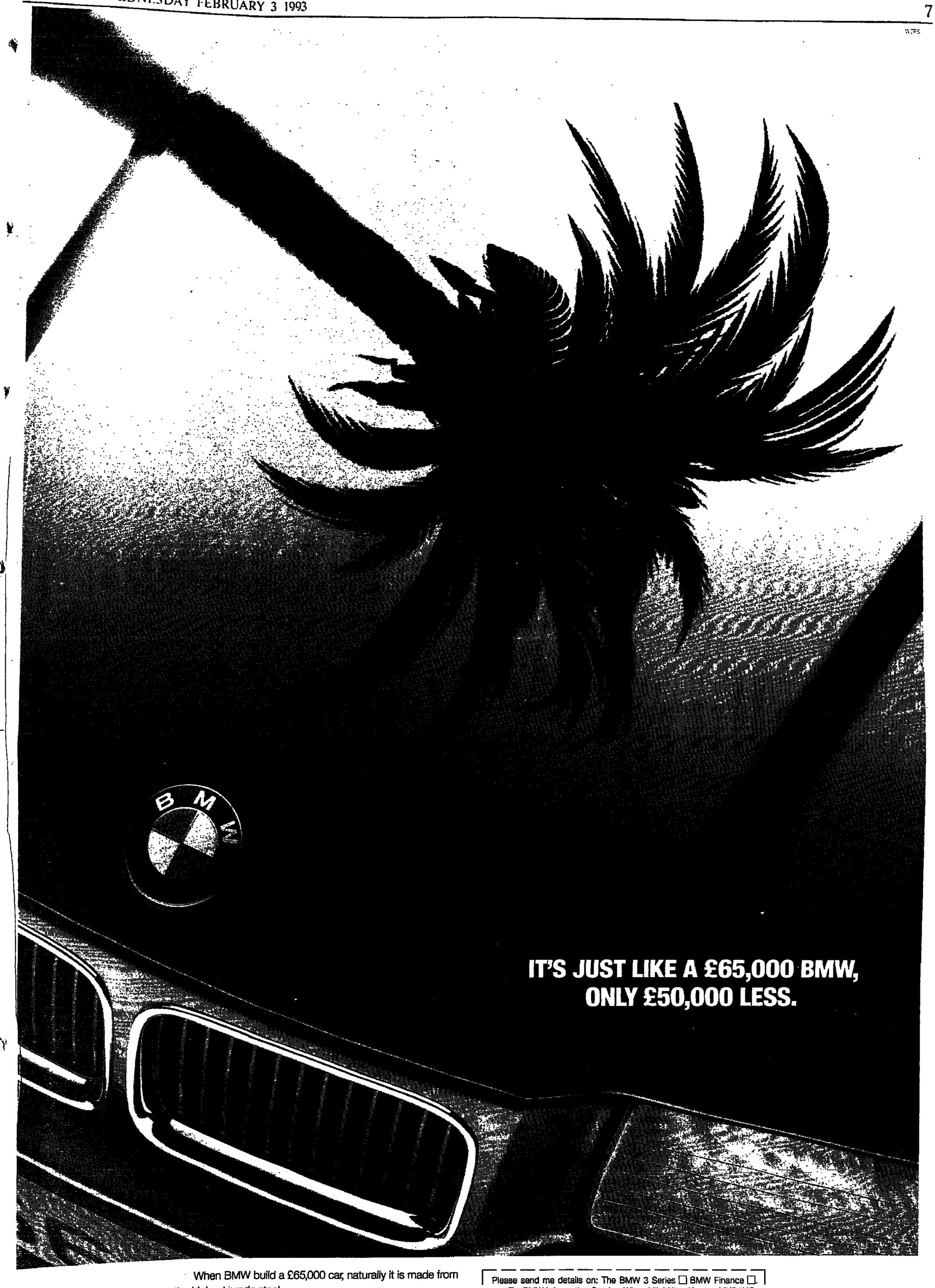
THE full weight of Egon Ronay's disapproval has landed on Britain's provincial airports for the poor food they provide. He singled out Manchester, the UK's fastest growing airport, as the worst.

Mr Ronay, who was hired by the British Airports Authority to improve catering at Heathrow, singled out Manchester's dried-out kippers, "powdered" scrambled eggs, "inedible, rubbery and cold" sausage rolls, greasy cream slices and a currant bun so hard it could have been "a lethal weapon". Luton, Birmingham and Stansted airports also came under fire for poor coffee.

Mr Ronay's taste buds were so offended by a £1.65 hot dog sampled at Manchester while filming for the BBC's *Food and Drink* programme that he spat it out on camera. SAS, the caterer at Manchester, said that more than 80 per cent of the aiport's 12.4 million passengers a year had no complaints.

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Devonport likely to win the battle for Trident, says Major

BY SHEILA GUNN AND MICHAEL EVANS

■ Rosyth seems likely to lose its fight for survival — but closure will be delayed to avoid an outcry over job losses

AS THE battle of the royal dockyards enters its critical phase, John Major has indicated to southern Tory MPs that Devonport rather than the Scottish shipyard of Rosyth is likely to win the contract to refit the Trident submarine fleet.

The decision has already been delayed more than once due to ministerial worries over potential job losses and a vigourous rearguard action on behalf of the Rosyth yard by Scottish MPs and unions.

The Royal Navy says it would prefer Devonport because the bigger and more flexible yard could handle both submarine and surface ship refits. Rosyth does not have the same facilities.

In Devonport the navy could concentrate all its requirements at one yard. The closure of one of the yards would make economic sense for the navy because with cuts in the submarine and surface fleets, there is no longer any reason for keeping two dockyards at different ends of the country.

The navy fears that if ministers compromise by keeping both yards alive, the Treasury will demand something in return, such as cancellation of a vital equipment project.

The prime minister has made it clear that he is not prepared to sanction the immediate closure of the Scottish yard for fear of provoking an outcry about an estimated 14,000 job losses just after the pits debacle.

However no decision appears to have been taken over what work would be left at Rosyth if it loses its key function of refitting the nuclear submarines. Despite the logic for closing Rosyth, ministers are still closely scrutinising the other sides of the argument.

Although there is no strategic reason for keeping Rosyth it has become clear that Devonport, which employs 5,200 people, has the better chance of surviving without the Trident contract. If it lost the contract at least 1,000 jobs would have to go but the yard, albeit slimmed-down, would almost certainly remain open. Its greater flexibility would leave it well placed to compete for other contracts.

Rosyth, which employs 4,000, would probably be doomed without Trident. There is little likelihood that the yard could survive in a competitive marketplace for refit contracts restricted to surface ships.

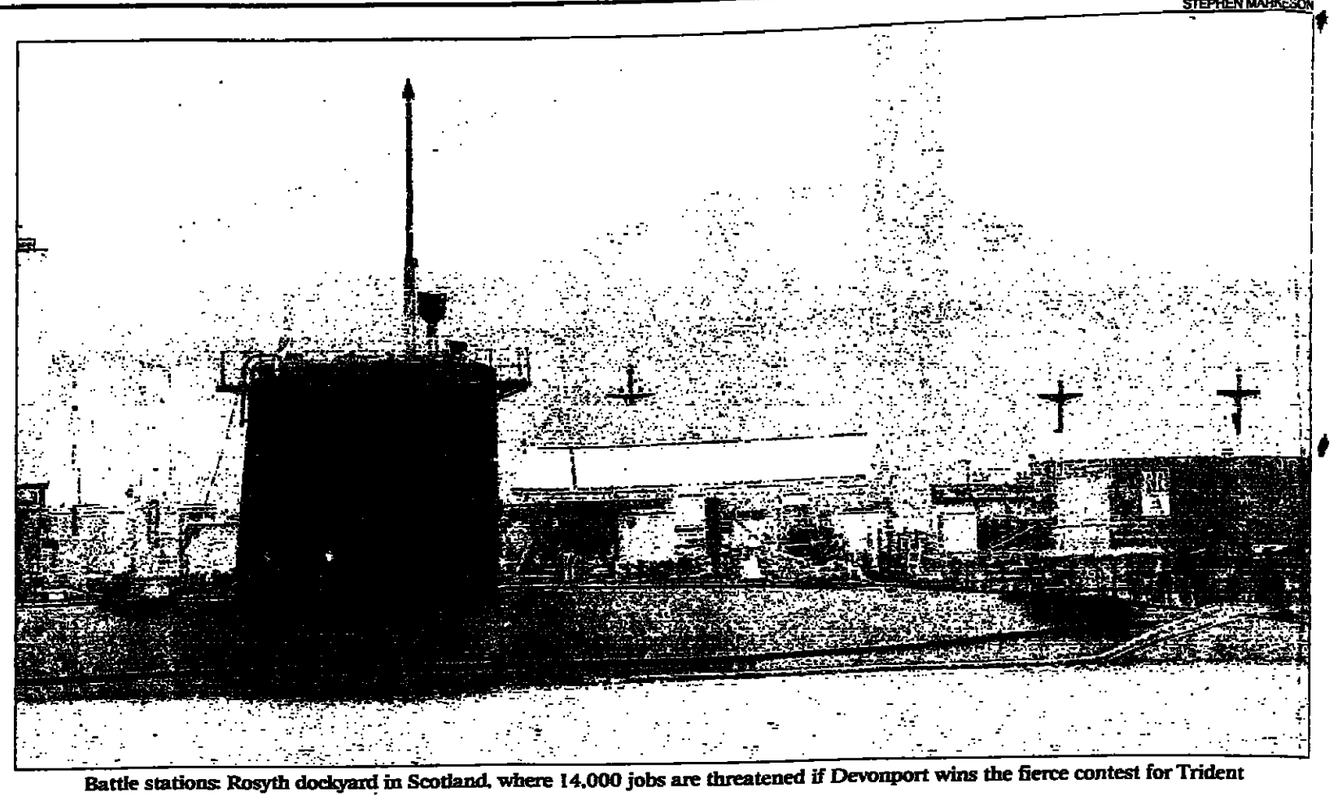
Ministers have already decided against the first bid from Rosyth, which was for a new yard costing £267 million. Although Allan Smith, chief executive of Babcock Thorn, which manages Rosyth, said yesterday that a new facility would make better economic sense in the long term, the ministry regards the cost as excessive.

Devonport put in a £162 million bid for rebuilding an existing facility and Rosyth responded with a bid of £147 million to rebuild old docks for Trident.

There will be four Trident submarines, all built by VSEL in Barrow-in-Furness, in Cumbria. The first, HMS *Vanguard*, has just returned from sea trials. The winner of the Trident contract will have guaranteed work for 30 years because the new submarines will remain Britain's principal nuclear deterrent until at least 2025.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, appears to favour a ten-year compromise deal, which would leave Rosyth with work on the surface ship fleet.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Battle stations: Rosyth dockyard in Scotland, where 14,000 jobs are threatened if Devonport wins the fierce contest for Trident

Campaigning crews vie for nuclear work

The long delay in settling the dispute over the Trident refit has sparked off some of the fiercest lobbying seen in this parliament. Scare tactics focusing on the number of jobs at stake, the impact on the local economy — and the likely outcome on local seats at the next general election — have become the daily norm. Each side has disputed the seriousness of the other's bid, raising the spectre of safety risks and double dealing (Sheila Gunn writes).

John Major, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, and Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, have been bombarded with papers from the competing camps.

On the Rosyth side, the line-up is headed by GJW, the professional Westminster lobbyists, who have been retained by Babcocks, the dockyard's managers.

The Rosyth campaign, an amalgam of dockyard workers, trade unionists, and councillors and MPs of all parties, is now into overdrive after a rally last week at Westminster. In a recent letter to the prime minister, the campaign claimed that its rival, Devonport, faced "severe problems of workloading and overheads" that would be made worse by taking on the nuclear refit programme.

Gordon Brown, shadow chancellor, whose Dunfermline East constituency would be affected by job losses if Rosyth closes, has taken a lead in lobbying.

The case for Devonport is being put by the Rowland Group, a Saatchi-owned public relations company. The campaign is also supported by an unusual alliance including Labour-led Plymouth City Council and the Conservative-led county councils in Devon and Cornwall.

Gary Streeter, Tory MP for Plymouth Sutton and outspoken in promoting "his" dockyard, last week questioned the safety risks of approving Rosyth's bid for refitting Trident submarines in the old docks.

Dockyard puts its faith in hard work

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

ROSYTH royal dockyard lost the flagpole proudly flying its Union Jack in the high winds last week. Even its steel construction could not prevent it from cracking and keeling over.

The symbolism was not lost on the 4,000 strong workforce. The political storm surrounding the future of Rosyth has been battering them for more than a year, and they do not intend giving in so easily.

No one is in any doubt about what the future of Rosyth will be if, as many suspect, the Trident nuclear refitting contract is awarded to Devonport in the next ten days. From Alan Smith, the managing director, to Beverley Ford, the youngest female apprentice, the answer is the same: Rosyth will die.

Mr Smith reckons that without the Trident contract, Rosyth has a maximum of five years. A consolation prize of surface ship refitting will not be enough to save it. Eighty per cent of its £165 million turnover comes from the Ministry of Defence and 50 per cent is submarine work.

Babcock Thorn, the company which manages the dockyard, has won a contract to refit London Underground trains, but it is not enough to secure Rosyth's future.

Apart from the 4,100 staff, there are around 300 contractors, from Newcastle to Aberdeen, working at the site. All would pay the price of closure.

"Shut Rosyth and you might as well close the gates to Fife," said one worker. The town of Dunfermline, already battling, would be worst affected but the entire region, which has seen its once thriving mining towns wither and die, would feel the effects.

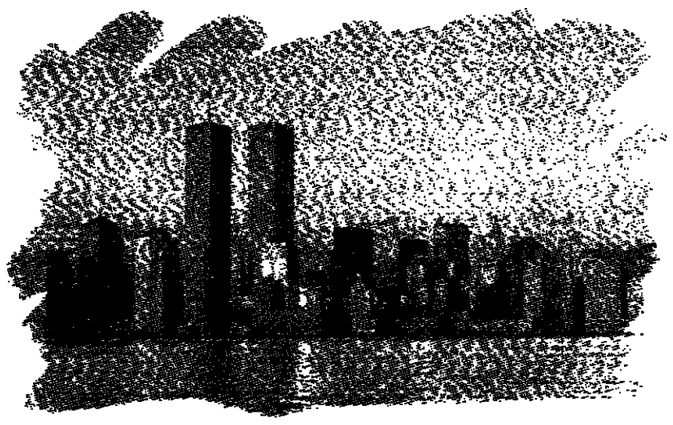
John and David Wood, father and son electrical fitters, said their street would be devastated if Rosyth were to shut. In addition to his father, two of David's uncles work at Rosyth as do both neighbours.

Janet Howe, a secretary at Rosyth for five years, knows her husband's joinery and double glazing business will struggle if Rosyth closes. He has already mooted a move to Germany if the Trident contract goes to Devonport. Some will take their specialist skills to the Middle East and the Far East. Others, said John Andrew, the project manager, "will drift around in dying towns".

Despite the clouds hanging over Rosyth there is an optimism about the place. All are proud to work there and all firmly believe that Rosyth should win the contract on merit. Experience, the safety record and environmental factors are cited as reasons.

Mr Smith said he would be happy for Rosyth's bid to be judged on its merits. He is confident that from a purely defence point of view it will win.

But a well-thumbed copy of *Vacher's Parliamentary Companion*, which lists the names and numbers of all Britain's MPs, lying open on his desk, testifies to the fact that merit is not enough. This decision will be a political one.



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Health chiefs launch national campaign after women ignore warnings of danger to foetuses

Pregnant teenagers carry on smoking and damage babies

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

WOMEN are ignoring the dangers of smoking during pregnancy, despite evidence that it damages their baby, increases the risk of miscarriage and causes complications at delivery.

The most persistent smokers are teenage girls with no regular partner whose pregnancies are unplanned. In this group, more than half are smokers, a survey by the British Medical Association has found. Among all pregnant women, 29 per cent are smokers, the same proportion as is found among women nationally.

This "disappointingly high proportion" shows that the anti-smoking message is failing to change women's behaviour, despite evidence that they are more motivated to give up during pregnancy, the BMA says.

Yesterday, the Health Education Authority (HEA) launched a campaign aimed at helping pregnant women to give up smoking. Newspaper advertising, posters for every GP's surgery, and a guidance leaflet hammer home the message that "every cigarette you smoke affects your baby". One poster shows a baby on a ventilator, with the message: "He's been smoking cigarettes for the last nine months, now he's on to a pipe."

A study for the HEA by Karen Jones and Jill McCleod Clark of the King's College School of Nursing has drawn a profile of those most likely to ignore anti-smoking advice. They either have no partner or an unsupportive one, are likely to be unemployed, poorly educated, and have friends who smoke. Their pregnancies are unplanned and they make their first visit to the ante-natal clinic late. Women who have already had a healthy baby despite smoking are especially resistant to advice. "They think, 'It doesn't apply to me'," Ms Jones said.

Many of those who do give up start again soon after their baby is born. This group, says Ms Jones, should be selected for advice, because research shows that motivated quitters can be helped. Her survey found that while most pregnant women expect advice on smoking, only 55 per cent reported getting any.

☐ Scientists from the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre in Birmingham are seeking backers for a passive smoking detector kit that they have developed.

The kit tests urine for the presence of cotinine, the breakdown product of nicotine in the body. According to Dr Graham Cope of the Wolfson Applied Technology Laboratory at the centre, it was designed for people who wanted to give up smoking, but is sensitive enough to detect the effects of passive smoking as well.

He expects the kits to be used by chemists and doctors, rather than individuals, as the effects of passive smoking are so slight that they require a special machine for accurate measurement. The kit is easy to make, and given a backer could be on the market within a year, costing no more than a pregnancy testing kit.

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JOHN MANNING



Anti-smoke signals: Professor Jill McCleod Clark with the hard-hitting posters intended to persuade pregnant women to stop smoking

Back-seat princess caught out

BY IAN MURRAY

AN AFRICAN elephant and the Princess of Wales played their part yesterday in publicising a £1.2 million campaign to persuade back-seat passengers to wear safety belts.

The elephant appears in a television commercial that shows what happens when a car is in a head-on crash at 30mph. The princess, whose official Jaguar was involved yesterday in an accident with a police car for the second time within a month, was found to be ignoring the 18-month-old law requiring back-seat passengers to use safety belts.

The princess was arriving at a refugee support centre in Stockwell, south London. As her car turned quickly into the hostel gate, the following police car braked hard but slid into the rear bumper.

Three weeks ago, her car was involved in an almost identical accident when she arrived at Ludgrove school, Berkshire, to deliver Prince William and Prince Harry for the start of term.

Buckingham Palace said the princess had made the journey from Kensington Palace to Stockwell safely belted into the back seat. The Palace said: "Seconds before she arrived, as the car pulled on to private property, she undid the belt so that she would be ready to get out quickly."

Kenneth Carlisle, the roads and traffic minister, launching the campaign, said: "In a 30mph crash, an unrestrained passenger can be thrown forward on to those in front with a force of three and a half tons, the weight of an elephant." The television commercial shows just such a crash, with an elephant hitting first the car driver and then hurtling on through the windscreen.

NEWS IN BRIEF

VW agrees funding for road safety

More than 80 road crossing wardens in Berkshire are to be issued with new uniforms as part of a £7,500 sponsorship deal between Volkswagen and the county council.

Each uniform will carry a small VW logo on the left breast and another eight-inch square logo on the back underlined with the words "Drive Safely".

Don Beer, vice-chairman of the road safety committee, said: "If cricketers and footballers can advertise companies, why not lollipop ladies?" But Vera Thompson, who patrols a crossing at Woodley near Reading, said: "We will look like a walking advertisement."

Drug charges

Georgia Griffiths, 21, the daughter of a crown court judge on the Wales and Chester circuit, was bailed by Oxford magistrates yesterday on charges of possessing and supplying LSD and possessing amphetamine sulphate with intent to supply.

Last farewell

A guard of honour from HMS Daedalus will attend the funeral service today at Calvados, Normandy, of RNVR Lt Arthur Beane, whose remains were found in a field last autumn, 49 years after he was shot down in a dogfight.

Fishy haven

More than 1,800 perch, pike and roach have been stunned with electric shocks and moved to another pool while repairs are made at Tatton Park, the National Trust mansion at Knutsford, Cheshire.

The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



THE new *Who's Who* has been heralded by some as an indication that Britain is indeed moving towards a more classless society, the percentage of state-educated entrants having increased since last year.

But for me it remains a repository of misconceived middle-names, once secret, now public. How odd it must be for those who have spent so much energy retreating from schoolroom taunts caused by wacky middle names now to find them plastered in bold type for all to giggle at.

I have often thought that Parliament is formed largely of people who descended into the political arena as a refuge from childhood bullying, for the bossy are generally those who once were bossed. A look through *Who's Who* confirms that a high proportion of the middle names of MPs of all parties are, to say the least, unexpected.

What a bitter blow it must be for the novice MP first to have his funny middle names read out in full to millions by the returning officer, and then to read them once more in his brand new entry in *Who's Who*. Just think of the traumas suffered by everyone from Paddy Durham Ashdown to Paul Yaw Boateng, from Michael Ray Dibdin Heseltine to Robin Finlayson Cook, from Jack Whitaker Straw to Kenneth Wilfred Baker, from Alan McKenzie Clark to Ian Hedworth Gilmour.

Somehow, a middle name is a secret door to one's true personality: Lady Thatcher, for instance, has always been more a Hilda than a Margaret. My own particular favourite, each of whose middle names carries a peculiar resonance, is Virginia Hilda Brunette Maxwell Bottomley.

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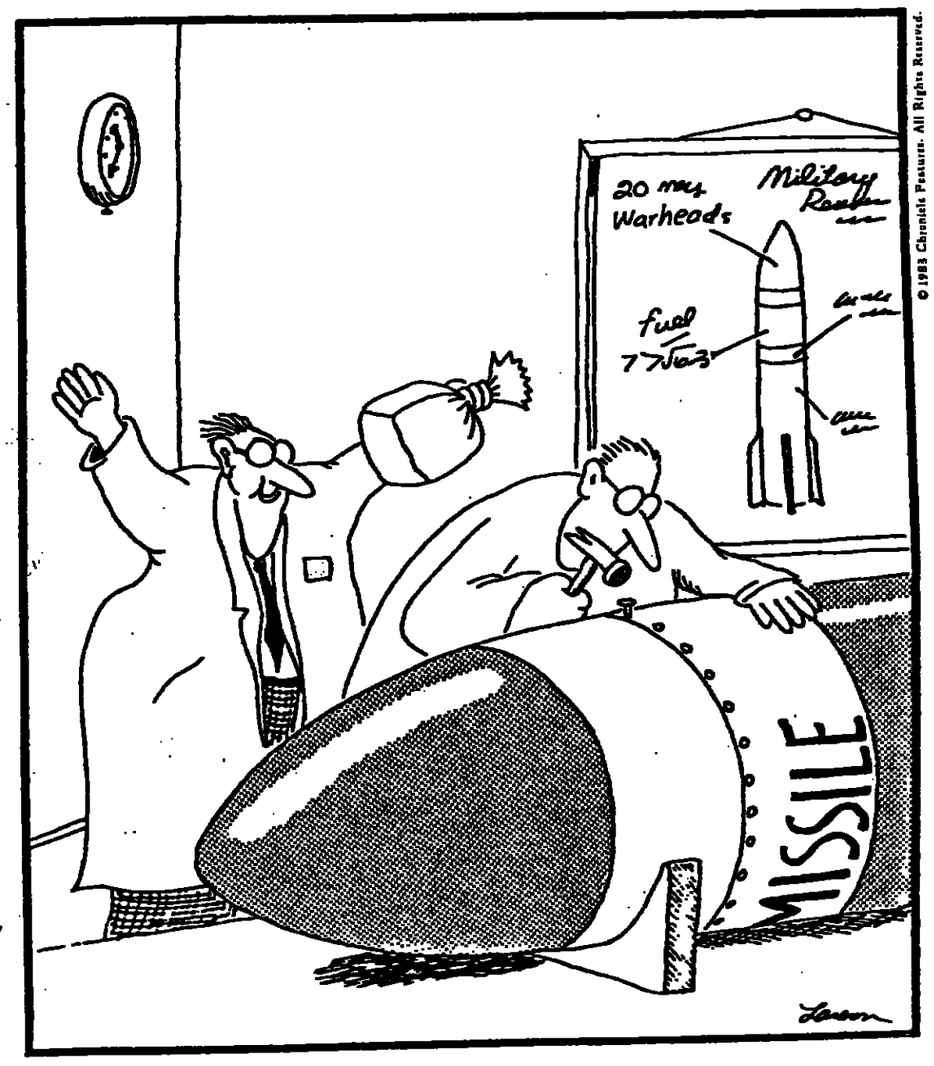
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SECURITY HAS NEVER BEEN SO INTERESTING.

Major sets up task forces to cut out business red tape

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN Whitehall task forces have been created to cut down the jungle of red tape which is smothering British business. Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, announced yesterday.

The red tape initiative, the first to systematically examine the entire corpus of 7,000 rules regulating business activity in Britain, should lead to the demise of layers of unnecessary bureaucracy, which range from rules specifying the distance between clothes pegs in changing rooms to requirements for factory walls to be washed every 14 months.

The initiative follows a two-hour seminar at Downing Street yesterday, chaired by John Major, in which Whitehall mandarins conceded that previous attempts to tame bureaucracy had run into the sand and that a fresh assault was needed.

The seven task forces will cover:

- ☐ Food, drink and agriculture.
- ☐ Communications and transport.
- ☐ Engineering.
- ☐ Construction.
- ☐ Chemicals and pharmaceuticals.
- ☐ Financial services.
- ☐ The tourism and retail sectors.

Each Whitehall department will be required to submit progress reports to Mr Major and Mr Heseltine every eight weeks, and the entire exercise will be overseen by Neil Hamilton, the industry minister.

Defending the red tape initiative, Mr Heseltine said: "There is general agreement across governments that the time has come to weed out the sort of regulation which is over-bureaucratic and places excessive burdens on business and the public. It is not enough to single out a group of conspicuous regulations. We intend to go back over the whole range in detail," he said.

The aim of the exercise is to make the regulations simpler and to abolish them where necessary. The initiative will also include a thorough appraisal of European Community legislation to help to reduce the regulatory burden, which is particularly onerous for small businesses.

With the cost of enforcing the 7,000 regulations running at more than £1 billion a year, there is growing concern that the costs of regulation are in danger of becoming disproportionate to their benefits. Existing regulations which are found to be excessively bureaucratic would be replaced by simpler ones, Mr Heseltine said.

Many regulations were inspired by consumer lobbies which did not have to worry about the cost of implementing them, Mr Heseltine said. In future, any new regulations would have to be fully costed before they were submitted to Parliament, he added.

Others regulations are prompted by the excessive zeal of Whitehall bureaucrats. In one case, for example, trade and industry officials implementing an EC directive, prohibited charity shops from selling second-hand toys on safety grounds, although Brussels had made no mention of such a prohibition.

Mr Major's red tape seminar coincides with the publication of a report on excessive bureaucracy by David Willets, the Conservative MP for Havant. The report warns that "regulation may have as damaging an impact on the economy as higher spending and taxing."

Mr Willets insists that the regulatory burden on business has been increasing steadily since the 1980s, and that there is now a "serious obstacle to creating a flexible, dynamic economy".

Forcing British Rail to spend £200 million a year on new safety measures for minuscule improvements in safety when the same amount of money spent on the National Health Service could save more lives was an affront to commonsense, Mr Willets said.

SIMON WALKER



Dialling tone: Baroness Thatcher launching the Maastricht plebiscite yesterday

Ministers and whips keep tradition alive

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The legislative process in this country is unsatisfactory and has been for a long time. It produces too many hastily considered and ill-drafted measures which later have to be revised. More than 143 acts affecting local government in England and Wales were, for example, approved between 1979 and 1992, including 58 major ones, several of which repealed previous measures.

The legal profession, local government, business and interest groups, as well as many civil servants, have endorsed the criticisms in yesterday's comprehensive new report from the Hansard Society. Similar points were made in several studies in the first half of the 1970s and there have been only small changes since.

The main blockage has been the attitudes of ministers and the whips of both main parties, who are fearful of losing control over the operations of Parliament. This is question of process, not policy. The criticisms apply as much to cross-party measures such as the Childrens' and Charities acts (both now seen as defective in parts) as to the bitterly fought poll tax legislation. The difficulty is the culture of Whitehall, which views the passage of legislation as like a military operation in which only the minimum is given away. Both front benches regard the detailed debates in standing committees as largely a charade; ministers claim a victory when they preserve a bill unamended, while the Opposition celebrates when it has clocked up a large number of hours.

The Hansard Society report makes many eminently sensible suggestions for opening up the legislative process from conception to enactment, increasing consultation at all stages — while also warning about the inadequacy of scrutiny of EC legislation. But do these proposals have any better chance of being implemented than earlier ones? Some build on existing initiatives such as green papers and the circulation of draft clauses by the Inland Revenue.

The omens are less good for the proposals affecting Parliament. At the heart of the report is an explicit deal: the government would permit greater scrutiny but would have the assurance that bills would be passed thanks to formal timetables limiting debate. Such ideas have been floated but have foundered on the reluctance of Opposition whips to surrender their largely theoretical right to delay measures and government dislike of public debate.

There are few signs of radicalism among party business managers. Tony Newton has proved to be an excessively cautious Commons Leader. Richard Ryder is preoccupied with Maastricht, and the Labour whips' office is notably conservative. But even if such far-reaching changes were agreed, could Parliament cope?

Reform would mean extra work for all kinds of Commons committees, existing and special, even if fewer measures might later have to be revised. That would, in practice, add to the burden already placed on a minority of MPs. Once 170 or so ministers, whips and their shadows are excluded, much of the work of the Commons is done by at most 200 to 250 or so backbenchers. The rest are too old, too idle, too maverick or too preoccupied with their constituencies or outside business interests to play an active part.

The trouble with proposals like those from the Hansard Society, to strengthen the powers and role of Parliament, is that they take too idealistic a view of what MPs can, and want, to do. Most see themselves primarily as party politicians and ministerial aspirants. Only a minority regard themselves as legislators and champions of Parliament.

PETER RIDDELL

Thatcher dials 'No' for democracy

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher launched a telephone referendum on the Maastricht treaty yesterday, saying it was unthinkable that the people should not have their say on a matter of deep constitutional significance.

At a Westminster press conference with referendum supporters from the other main political parties, the former prime minister tried hard to be scrupulously unbiased as she invited people to say "Yes" to Maastricht on 0891 335501 or "No" on 0891 335502. As the lines were opened she made the first call — to the latter number.

There were flashes of vintage Thatcher as she crushed a hapless reporter who had the gall to ask her why she had not called a referendum on the Single European Act.

Attempts to encourage her to attack the government appeared doomed as Lady Thatcher exhibited unusual caution. But it was when she was asked why John Major was so opposed to a referendum that the guard dropped. "Perhaps you had better ask him," she said. "He had a very good predecessor — you have to ask whether the treaty would have been the same."

In an unprecedented move, a company named Telephone Referendum Ltd has been formed to conduct a plebiscite using BT's premium rate service.

Great constitutional issues were often subject to referendums, Lady Thatcher said, urging people to "dial for democracy."

Bryan Gould, who resigned from the shadow cabinet over Maastricht, was happy to make common cause with Lady Thatcher. He said: "It would be a constitutional outrage if Parliament were to cede the power of self-government to another body without consulting the people."

Calcutt calls time at 'last-chance saloon'

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR David Calcutt, head of the review into regulation of the press, urged the government yesterday to impose statutory controls on newspapers and not to give them a further "last chance" to improve their behaviour.

Giving evidence to the Commons heritage committee, Sir David insisted that, after an endless succession of last chances to make self-regulation work, the newspaper industry's "bluff" had to be called. "If the government goes down the route it has indicated I fear we are in danger of having an even weaker Press Complaints Commission because they will have no sanction worth the name."

Later, under pressure from MPs, Sir David added: "If Parliament says we will give you one last chance and goes on and on saying that, the press will understand that you do not really mean it."

Sir David carried out his review into how the Press Complaints Commission (PCC) was working after David Mellor, the former heritage secretary, said that the press was drinking in the "last-chance saloon".

However, Sir David found himself under criticism from MPs for basing his recommendations largely on press coverage of public figures, particularly the royal family.

Bryan Davies (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab), said: "It looks all the time as if the bust-up with the press is with other drinkers in the saloon, namely public figures who are mixing it with the press a fair amount themselves." Gerald Kaufman, the committee chairman, rebuked members of the PCC for making "absolute fools of themselves" over the *Sunday Times* serialisation of Andrew Morton's book on the Princess of Wales, which turned out to be a "highly accurate account".

Sir David criticised newspapers for attacking everything in his report and looked at the recommendations which could be acted on to increase public confidence in the commission. Claims that genuine investigative reporting would be fettered had been "widly overstated" by the press. The proposed power to fine offending publications would be used only in extreme case, he predicted. But it was necessary for the statutory tribunal, which he recommended, to have the power "to bite".



Calcutt: giving his evidence yesterday

Reform of law-making urged

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

GOVERNMENTS should accept greater scrutiny of proposed legislation, by MPs and the public, says the non-party Hansard Society for Parliamentary Government. In return, there should be time limits on debates in Parliament to ensure that bills will not be stalled indefinitely by the consultation process.

The proposal is among the far-reaching changes in the legislative process recommended by a commission of the Hansard Society, chaired by Lord Rippon of Hexham, the former Tory cabinet minister. The report highlights the concern of industry, the professions, local government and interest groups about the inadequate way in which statute law is prepared, drafted, passed and published.

The central theme of the recommendations — some of which are modelled on practice in Australia and New Zealand — is that there should be the most open possible consultation of interested parties at every stage.

Parliament should play a greater part by holding pre-legislative enquiries into the preparation of bills, and evidence-taking sessions after their publication. More information should be made publicly available. Minimum intervals between stages of bills should be increased.

The commission also suggests, in an important legal innovation, that notes on sections of acts and statutory instruments should be allowed to be used by the courts as an aid to understanding. It recommends a two-year legislative programme to allow greater time for drafting bills.

Report of the Hansard Society Commission on the Legislative Process, £16, Hansard Society, St Philips Building, Sheffield Street, London WC2A 2EX.

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Atlantic alliance drifts into a fog of misunderstandings



Brittan: Washington is "sabre-rattling"

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

GATT TALKS IN JEOPARDY

■ Washington and Europe are divided on strategy for Bosnia. The Clinton camp is upsetting old friends even more over trade

SITTING at an ambassador's dinner table here recently, a distinguished American newspaper columnist tried to discover how Europe's governments are coming to terms with Bill Clinton's new administration in Washington.

He was astonished to discover that "Europe" was not making plans to intervene in Bosnia and all known planning is fragmentary and national. He was startled to find his European fellow guests more preoccupied with arguing about looming transatlantic trade wars of which he had never heard. "I don't think that trade issues are really lit up on this administration's radar right now," he said carefully.

In Europe's capitals the depth of the new mutual misunderstanding across the Atlantic is beginning to sink in. As the Cold war ended and did away with the common enemy of communism, many commentators sensed that the relationship would profoundly change. President Bush's patient and affable preoccupation with Europe left the balance unaltered, but after less than a fortnight in office Mr Clinton's officials are cool towards Europe on the key foreign policy issue of the moment and are looking for a fight on trade.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, has dropped a heavy and divisive hint that he would like to break the Franco-British monopoly of United Nations Security Council seats and include Germany. Mr Christopher is openly sceptical about the European Community-UN plan for a carve-up of Bosnia. His officials speculate cheerfully that America may yet use force in the Balkans where Europeans have feared to tread.

Mickey Kantor, President Clinton's trade representative, has hit European firms with sanctions in two disputes: first steel, and then on public contracts for telecommunications, transport and energy. The steel dispute was expected, irrespective of any decisions by the incoming Washington administration, but the public procurement embargo announced yesterday by Mr Kantor pre-empted his first meeting with Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's new trade commissioner, set for February 11. "I can't believe that Kantor's done this now," one astonished EC official said last night. "We haven't even met him yet."

Good transatlantic relations are not a "luxury for Europe" but essential for both parties, the ever emollient Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, says several times a week. Mr Hurd's private judgment on transatlantic relations was described by one official as: "Quite a few black clouds in the sky, but not necessarily a downpour."

British officials hope that Mr Clinton will recoil from sending troops to Bosnia. "Look at the reaction in the States when one sergeant was killed by dotty brigands in Somalia," said one official. "Then just imagine what happens if you have 5,000 marines in Bosnia who get used for target practice." European Commission officials close to the strained contacts between Sir Leon and Mr Kantor whisper that the American trade team do not yet display much mastery of the issues. The Americans are "sabre-rattling", Sir Leon said yesterday.

However inexperienced the individuals, the Clinton team's collective instincts seem quite clear. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) world trade talks in Geneva are drifting, deprived of any real political drive and blown hither and thither by fresh quarrels over rice, cloth, patents, tariffs and the intricate paraphernalia designed to boost global trade.

The president will have to ask Congress for a new "fast track" negotiating authority for the talks, since it is now clear that they cannot be ended before the White House's current mandate expires on March 1.

The signal Europe's negotiators await is the duration of the new authority. If Mr Clinton asks for a short renewal of a few months, he may believe that a trade deal can be rapidly clinched on foundations already agreed. If he requests a one or two-year extension, Congress will rewrite the president's objectives in the talks and turn the clock back months and perhaps years. The Gatt talks are already more than six years old. Mr Kantor's body language suggests that the end is still a long way off.

Such a delay will delight at least one EC country, France, whose politicians like the look of President Clinton. If the Gatt talks disintegrate into trade wars, France's lone obstruction of a Gatt deal in order to reduce farm subsidies will be rewarded. Paris is enjoying its unusual status as the European government most closely in tune with Mr Clinton's enthusiasm for intervention in Bosnia. "Look at what is happening," a French diplomat explained excitedly the other day. "Who is planning action with the Americans? Not the British. But us!"

Experienced American officials have noted the new competitiveness between European states but seem unsure whether to regret the divisions or exploit them. They see clearly that EC leaders are digesting the lessons of their failed attempts to halt the descent into savagery in the Balkans — one of the EC's greatest losses of credibility in its history.

"If you are going to organise any sort of common European defence," said one American diplomat with a grim smile, "you're going to have to do it with our help."

Clinton's measures heighten EC unease over long-term policy

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE Clinton administration has fired the first salvoes in what could lead to a deepening chill in the already hostile trade relations between America and Europe.

Last week's American trade clampdown on European steel imports and Monday's ban on access to American federal procurement markets amounts less to a trade policy U-turn than to unfortunate timing. It is also testimony of the birth pains of an administration which has yet to come to terms with the intricacies of trade policy. More worryingly, it does not appear to have decided what its overall trade policy is going to be.

On Monday Mickey Kantor, the new US trade representative, announced a ban of European companies from American federal procurement contracts in telecommunications and power generation equipment and a wide range of services. The ban will become effective from March 22, unless the two sides can settle the dispute. The decision came only a few days after Washington imposed anti-dumping duties on European steel imports.

Apart from provoking a predictably furious reaction from Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's external trade commissioner, the decision will add to the uncertainty surrounding the stalled world trade talks. Negotiations to resolve outstanding issues in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) face a statutory deadline of March 2 to allow the American government to present the agreement for ratification as a package deal.

Yesterday, the European Commission sought to head off a confrontation with the Clinton administration over the sanctions, but foreign and trade ministers meeting in Brussels expressed their "grave concern" at the action, which they said had "no justification whatsoever".

Before resorting to any retaliation at such a sensitive moment in transatlantic relations, the ministers decided to await the outcome of Sir Leon's trip to Washington on February 11 to meet Mr Kantor. The ministers were well aware that a protracted trade dispute with Washington could scupper all hopes of a new world trade agreement.

In stark contrast to the EC's approach, Washington adopted a far less conciliatory tone. Mr Kantor faxed a message to Brussels in which he described the EC's policy on public procurement as "intolerable". He said: "This European-wide policy of discrimination against non-EC products stands in stark contrast to the open and non-discriminatory access their firms enjoy in

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selling to our predominantly private utilities market."

Despite the tough-sounding trade measures, which the Clinton administration has taken during its first days in office, there remain considerable doubts in Washington as well as in Brussels over the wider policy implications: whether they signal a meaningful departure of policy or whether they would have happened anyway under whichever administration.

Officials at the office of the US trade representative also appear to be baffled by all this recent activity. They pointed out yesterday that, given that the adminstration is less than two weeks old, there can as yet be no public pronouncement on the nature and direction of future policy.

Kim Elliott, a trade analyst at the Institute for International Economics, said that "both decisions [on steel and utilities] were put in place by the Bush administration. The retaliation looks relatively modest, and is probably similar to what [former trade representative Carla] Hills would have done". She added that the real problem does not rest with these decisions, but with the continued uncertainty over the new administration's policy stance in the various multilateral trade talks.

Despite the EC's benevolent approach at this stage, President Clinton's future trade policy will remain torn between conflicting commitments, including his pledge to reach agreement on Gatt and the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) on the one hand, and the need to satisfy the demand from industry and the unions, which are calling for a clampdown on "unfair" foreign imports, on the other. His administration faces the additional problem of the Gatt deadline, which leaves little time for negotiation and even less for coming to terms with the complexity of the issue.

The relative modesty, as it is perceived in Washington, of Monday's clampdown on the European utility industry is itself testimony to the administration's attempt to find a middle way. The decision will have a small economic impact, affecting trade worth less than $50 million (£35 million), according to American government estimates.

There is mounting pressure, too, from other industries. Last week the US Treasury instigated a review on the tariffs on the imports of mini-vans, which free-traders fear might set in motion a series of trade measures in the motor vehicle industry, possibly culminating in anti-dumping duties or a European-style self-restraint agreement, for Japanese cars.

With his pledge to make the economy the number one priority area for his administration, Mr Clinton can ill-afford to ignore the pleas of American industry. Nevertheless, there can be little doubt that the new administration will prove to be a tough trade negotiator.

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JAMES NACHTWEY



Future imperfect: the Clinton administration's imposition of tariffs on European steel imports has dismayed the Continent's troubled steelmakers and may even force Germany's great manufacturing conglomerates, including Krupp and Thyssen, to pull out of the industry altogether

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German industry succumbs to gloom

FROM COLIN NARBROUGH IN FRANKFURT

THE duties that America has imposed on steel imports could prove the final straw for Germany's steelmakers.

Germany, Europe's biggest steelmaker, is facing deepening economic gloom and fears that even great names of the industry — Krupp and Thyssen — might be forced to pull out of steel. Krupp has denied reports that it might be driven to seek court protection from its creditors concerning its loss-making steel activities.

Krupp last year merged with the steelmaker Hoesch in an attempt to secure its survival in a deteriorating environment for steel. However, the merged company suffered record losses in steel of about DM500 million (£210 million). It wants to cut 8,000 jobs and must close blast furnaces and rolling mills in the Ruhr. Asked how long he thought Krupp-Hoesch could survive, Gerhard Cromme, the chairman of the management board, was quoted this week as saying: "Half a year or a year or maybe 18 months."

West Germany's largely private sector steelmakers produced 41 million tonnes of crude steel in 1989. By last year this had fallen to 36.7 million. The workforce has more than halved since 1974.

Thyssen, the biggest of Germany's steelmakers, has also threatened to withdraw from some of its core steel operations. Heinz Kriwet, the management board chairman, last week described the situation in his industry as catastrophic. Thyssen's net profit fell 33 per cent last year. Herr Kriwet said that without political action to stem the losses in the European steel industry, there would be a limit to what companies could tolerate.

Most of the pain of reducing capacity in Germany would be felt in the Ruhr, the traditional industrial heartland, but lesser steelmaking regions, including the Saarland and Bavaria, would also be affected.

Open-minded LA lawyer wins brief to solve trade problem

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MICKEY Kantor was President Clinton's last cabinet appointment, but as US trade representative he might be one of the most important. As much as anyone, he will determine whether America will champion free trade over the next four years or veer towards a protectionism that could ultimately divide the world into rival trading blocs.

There was no shortage of candidates for the job. Mr Clinton could have appointed his old friend Robert Reich, the new labour secretary, a passionate free trader who argues that America must invest in its people and infrastructure to remain competitive. Or he could have named Laura D'Andrea Tyson, now his chief economic adviser, who takes the opposite tack in advocating government support for strategic American industries.

In the end the president chose Mr Kantor, not for his views on trade issues but his lack of them. The Los Angeles lawyer, 53, has no international trade experience. He is a cool, clever, tenacious negotiator, capable of bridging seemingly intractable positions. He has Mr Clinton's full confidence and will be the man who weighs the conflicting pressures before formulating policy.

Mr Kantor is hard to pin down politically. He began his professional life as a poverty lawyer helping migrant farm workers, has

MAN IN THE NEWS

helped numerous liberal Democratic candidates, and served under Warren Christopher, now Secretary of State, on the commission that investigated last year's Los Angeles riots.

As a millionaire partner of one of the leading law firms in Los Angeles, he has, however, been a leading advocate for corporate America, representing the tobacco company Philip Morris in its battle against no-smoking ordinances and Occidental Petroleum when it wanted to drill off California's coast.

Mr Kantor became a close friend and confidant of the Clintons after serving with Hillary Clinton on the Carter administration's Legal Services Corporation. He flew at short notice to New Hampshire last January to rescue Mr Clinton's candidacy after the Gennifer Flowers allegations and became campaign chairman.

His style alienated some of Mr Clinton's campaign staff, who lobbied against him after the election, claiming he had improperly briefed clients on Mr Clinton's policies. He was not given a leading transition job and was passed over as White House chief of staff, but regained ground by organising Mr Clinton's successful Little Rock economic summit.

Like the president, Mr Kantor has suffered adversity. His first wife died in a 1978 plane crash, and ten years later his teenage son was killed in a Santa Monica car crash. He has since married a former television news correspondent, his other passion being baseball.

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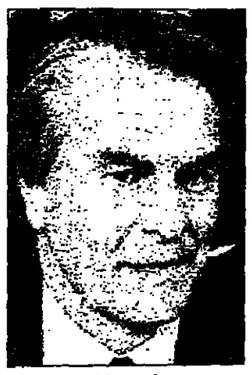
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Aid workers accuse Croats of halting food supplies to Muslim allies



Owen: blueprint may have fuelled fighting

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN MOSTAR

CROATIAN forces are trying to choke off the supply of food to Muslim civilians in Bosnia-Herzegovina as Serbian fighters extend "ethnic cleansing" in the former Yugoslav republic, relief workers said yesterday.

One relief official at Mostar, the capital of the self-styled Croatian statelet of Herceg-Bosna, said: "The Croatians are systematically stopping private lorries carrying food into the mountains if they have Muslim drivers and are rerouting them."

In one instance, at the Herzegovina border at Metkovic, Croatian forces had shot up the back of a lorry carrying food for the Muslim Red Crescent relief organization. "They said they were testing to see if there was ammunition inside."

Sources said that Croatian police at Metkovic also tried unsuccessfully recently to stop United Nations convoys accompanied by Spanish peacekeepers passing through, claiming it was too dangerous.

Yesterday, in an artillery barrage near Mostar, a UN relief convoy was shelled and one person was killed, a UN spokesman said, adding that another member of the convoy was seriously wounded. Veso Vegar, spokesman for the Bosnian Croat militia command in Mostar, said nine shells rained down on the UNHCR convoy, killing a translator with a direct hit and seriously wounding the Danish convoy leader. Croatian radio and military spokesmen blamed the attack on Serb irregulars.

Croatian leaders in Mostar deny they are hindering relief efforts. "There are no problems with the international relief agencies. It is not true," said Jadranko Prlic, the president of the Croatian-supported army within Bosnia-Herzegovina, the HVO.

But relief workers say officials of the Herceg-Bosna government are putting pressure on international relief organisations to prevent them distributing food through the Muslim relief agencies Merhamet and the Red Crescent.

"They are trying to control the assistance, which means that we cannot decide who we give the aid to," one worker said. "We do not accept that. If it does not stop we will pull out."

The problems began last month when Muslim fighters at Gornji Vakuf clashed with units of the HVO. On January 10, Muslim drivers working on contract for the UN were prevented from transporting food for five days. Observers say the fighting between the former allies was encouraged by the Geneva peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina, which would divide the former Yugoslav republic into 10 semi-autonomous provinces.

Croatian leaders were delighted with the map outlined in the plan put forward by co-chairmen of the peace talks, Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, which would give Croatian forces formal control of mixed areas such as Mostar, where about half the population is Muslim and half of it Croat, and Travnik, where there is an overwhelming majority of Muslims.

Relief workers also are concerned about the treatment of Muslims who fled to Croatian-dominated areas after Serbian "ethnic cleansing". "The Muslim refugees are not accepted. They just give them public buildings where there is no hygiene, no facilities to receive human beings properly," one said.

Meanwhile, relief workers said they had received persistent reports that thousands of Muslims were being forcibly removed from their homes by Serb forces at Trebinje in the southernmost tip of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"Reports reaching us say that all Muslims have left Trebinje. Estimates range from 2,000 to 4,000. They are being put on buses and taken to Montenegro," the sources said, citing reports reaching Dubrovnik and accounts from relatives of those who had been moved.

"There is no open violence, but people receive threats to leave and are made to sign papers renouncing their property."

Atrocity reports add to uphill struggle for Bosnia peace plans

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

■ **Lord Owen is underlining Serb losses in his peace plan to try to sell the deal to a reluctant White House**

LORD Owen, the European Community mediator in the Bosnian conflict, yesterday stepped up pressure on the Clinton administration to back his peace plan after failing to win a commitment from Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, during a Monday night meeting in New York.

Saying Mr Christopher had been "cagey", Lord Owen accepted that Washington's new administration needed time to formulate its policies, but added: "We have got to remember there's a war going on. Every day more people are being killed. Every day there's more 'ethnic cleansing'."

Lord Owen's latest attempts to win support for the plan formulated with Cyrus Vance came amid fresh allegations of atrocities in Bosnia. Harrowing descriptions of castration, mass murder and rape have been given by survivors of two prison camps in northern Bosnia. Camp officials accused of brutality have been identified and their names presented to the United Nations team investigating war crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

The vivid and chilling claims, along with scenes of burnt-out Muslim homes, are likely to prompt outrage and calls for more Western intervention in Bosnia when they are broadcast by the *Dispatches* programme on Channel 4 today. The allegations are made by Bosnian Muslims now living in exile in Croatia and across Europe, who say they were victims of Serb "ethnic cleansing" in the Kosara valley near Prijedor last year.

One of the men incarcerated in the Omarska and Trnopolji camps said he watched as his friend was castrated by a Serb "after three days of torture". Another, now living in Watford, said some of the guards "enjoyed killing people slowly. They broke their hands, their legs, everything. One schoolteacher took ten days to die, killed by some of his former pupils".

A former waiter, Nazded Jakupovic, 24, told *The Times* yesterday: "They beat everyone, old and young, for no reason. They beat me especially hard because I was a soldier in the Bosnian army and I would not tell them where my gun was or who else was fighting with me." Mr Jakupovic, who now lives in a hostel in Watford, said he knew one of the Serbs whom he says attacked him. "He came to the hospital where I was taken and tried to kill me with a dagger. A military policeman from the Serbian army stopped him and saved my life."

The *Dispatches* programme names Zelko Meakaric, the commander of the guards at Omarska camp, as among those guilty of atrocities there, along with Drazenko Predojevic and a guard known as Krkan.

In the United States, Lord Owen claimed American equivocation was "stalling" the peace negotiations. He added that the Bosnian Muslims were still hoping America might supply them with arms or intervene militarily.

"I know that the Western world, the US and Europe, for right or wrong, are not going to intervene, and it's an illusion to hold out in front of the Muslims. They're not going to do it and therefore we've got to get a settlement," he said.

The Clinton administration has serious reservations about backing a plan that would divide Bosnia-Herzegovinia into ten ethnic enclaves, reward Serbian "ethnic cleansing" with territorial gains, and require thousands of troops to enforce. A *Washington Post* editorial said yesterday that, far from promising an enduring peace, the plan "raises a vision of a larger and more violent Lebanon".

Lord Owen acknowledged that American troops would have to be deployed on the ground as part of a Nato operation to police the settlement, though in much smaller numbers than the roughly 25,000 Washington dispatched to Somalia. He also agreed the plan involved "nasty compromises". However, he argued that it would deprive the Serbs of 24 per cent of their territorial gains in Bosnia and there was no precedent for a victorious fighting force surrendering so much.

The rump Yugoslavia meanwhile said it could be drawn into open conflict with Croatia if the republic persisted in its attack on the Serb-held Krajina enclave. Ilija Djukic, the foreign minister, said in a letter to the UN Security Council that Yugoslavia had an obligation and a right to protect Serbs in UN-protected areas in Croatia.

In Paris, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former French president, proposed the whole of Bosnia-Herzegovina should be placed under UN mandate for several years. Writing in the newspaper *Le Monde*, M Giscard said the UN should appoint a high commissioner entrusted with confiscating heavy weapons, disarming militias and ensuring day-to-day security.

Ron Redmond, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said in Geneva yesterday that 2,000 Muslims had been forced by extremists to leave their homes in the Serb-held town of Trebinje in the past two weeks. The area in southern Bosnia is one of those that would be handed to the Serbs under the Owen-Vance plan. A Bosnian official said the Serbs were "enthusiastically implementing" the peace plan before even signing it.

Mr Redmond said, however, that Muslims were not the only victims of the Bosnian war. Up to 12,000 Serbs had been displaced by a Muslim military offensive in eastern Bosnia between mid-December and mid-January. They accused the Muslims of torture and other human rights abuses.

UN sources yesterday hinted that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, may be allowed to visit America if he is invited by Mr Vance or Lord Owen to sign a peace deal. The Bush administration, which said Dr Karadzic was suspected of war crimes, had kept him out of the country.



Comrades in arms: Nikolai Osovitney is reunited with his former commander, Semyon Giushchenko, after they recognised each other at ceremonies in Volgograd yesterday to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Russian victory over the Germans at the battle of Stalingrad, former name of the city. President Yeltsin and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, yesterday exchanged messages vowing to banish war from Europe (Anatol Lieven writes from Moscow). The ceremonies in Volgograd attended by Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary speaker, and thousands of veterans, were held on the Mamayev Kurgan hill, which is dominated by a statue symbolising Mother Russia. The German ambassador laid a wreath. The Soviet army lost 1.1 million men in the battle; 800,000 Germans died. Stalingrad was where, in the words of the novelist Vasili Grossman, himself a war correspondent in the battle, "a steel-clad Russia turned its face towards the West" and began the march to Berlin and the destruction of the Third Reich.

Clinton targets workshy

BY IAN BRODIE

PRESIDENT Clinton reset his political compass yesterday to lead him back to one of his most popular election themes, halting welfare for those who refuse to work.

Mr Clinton's pledge to "end welfare as we know it" was always a hit with campaign audiences and yesterday he reaffirmed his ideas for welfare reform at a Washington meeting of the nation's governors. He announced the formation of a task force to develop his plan for providing two years of job training and education for those on welfare. After that, the able-bodied would have to take a job.

The scheme would set "a time beyond which people do not draw a welfare cheque for doing nothing when they can do something". Exceptions would be made for women with new-born children, but the aim is to get even mothers off the welfare rolls. The president claims broad support for the plan.

Los Angeles trials spark fears of renewed racial explosion

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE first instalment of the Rodney King epic is seared on America's conscience: the grim and grainy footage of a sprawled black motorist beaten 57 times by white policemen with batons; the state trial and acquittal of the four officers last April; the grand finale when Los Angeles erupted in fire, hatred and murder.

Today, as the second, federal trial of the four accused policemen begins, America is awaiting a sequel already titled "Rodney King II" on the streets of south-central Los Angeles. The theme is the same, but the cast and plot are subtly changed. In the first trial, Mr King appeared only on the 81 seconds of amateur videotape footage that brought his beating to the eyes of a horrified public. In the federal trial, however, Mr King will play a central role from the witness box and his evidence is likely to be controversial and crucial.

The legal script has also altered. In the state trial, exactly a year ago, prosecutors had to prove only that the four police officers assaulted Mr King on March 3, 1991. They failed, and the vastly more difficult task now facing federal prosecutors is to prove that the officers intentionally deprived Mr King of his civil rights. They must persuade another jury that the police not only used excessive force, but also that they knew knew perfectly well what they were doing. Simply finding an unbiased jury in the city may take weeks.

A recent poll found that 75 per cent of Americans believe another riot is inevitable if the officers are again allowed to walk free. A lawyer for one of the accused pointed out last week a central fact about the second trial: there is, he said, "a strong possibility that civil insurrection may result in the event of a verdict not to the liking of the majority".

Last April, with the acrid stench of burning in the air, the government promised to rebuild Los Angeles so that a repetition of the riots could not and would not happen. The city now has a black chief of police, a new district attorney and no fewer than 52 candidates for mayor, all promising a new dawn for the city. In most respects, however, the city is no better and, in some ways, it is worse off than it was last April.

The second trial has, in addition, an almost equally emotive sub-plot: next month the trial begins of the three black men accused of savagely beating Reginald Denny, a white lorry driver, during the riots. Inevitably, the three accused have taken on a symbolic, even heroic, role in the eyes of some inhabitants of the Los Angeles ghetto.

Both trials are likely to last until April, and could even arrive at simultaneous verdicts. If, as seems only too possible, the white officers are again acquitted but the black men are found guilty, the combination could easily trigger another, even greater explosion.

Broccoli returns to smoke-free White House

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

SMOKING is out and broccoli, forbidden by George Bush, is back again at the White House.

President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, feel that by instituting the smoking ban they can set an example to Americans. "The big issue about health is so paramount to me that I don't think we should permit smoking," Mrs Clinton told *The New York Times*.

There were no ashtrays at the Clintons' first formal dinner on Sunday and from now on anyone wanting to smoke will have to step outdoors. Barbara Bush disapproved of smoking but the Bushes never imposed a White House ban.

Mr Bush managed to keep broccoli off White House menus after confessing to having disliked it since childhood. The Clintons, however, are trying to eat more "healthy, fresh, American food", said Mrs Clinton, and that means a reprieve for broccoli and an end to the French-style menus that were a feature of state banquets. They eat plenty of vegetables, fibre and fruit, Mrs Clinton said. What about all the burgers Mr Clinton is supposed to consume? "He gets an unfair rap," she said. "An occasional trip to a fast-food restaurant is not the worst of all possible sins."

A typical Clinton family meal, brimming with health, might consist of grilled chicken breasts, steamed fresh vegetables, rice, a green salad, fruit and iced tea.

The Clintons are thinking of new ways to open up the White House to the public. "Ordinary Americans" and their children could be chosen, perhaps by lotteries, to attend meetings with the president, followed by a meal and a White House tour.

The interview, given on condition that it covered only household duties, was plainly intended to soften the impression created by her appointment to take charge of health reform. The message was that she would not be a hard-hitting executive who would forsake the First Lady's traditional role as White House hostess, wife and mother.

One White House show has closed after only eight performances. George Stephanopoulos, chief spokesman, has stopped live broadcasts of his daily press briefings. They were attracting high ratings, but more for stormy exchanges with reporters than their success in getting out the administration's message.



Healthy living: Hillary Clinton, who says there are plenty of steamed vegetables on the family menu

NEWS IN BRIEF

Armenian leader is dismissed

Moscow: Khosrov Arutunyan, prime minister of Armenia, was dismissed yesterday by President Ter-Petrossian after he criticised the government economic programme publicly (Anatol Lieven writes).

The dispute comes amid growing economic desperation in the republic, crippled by the war with neighbouring Azerbaijan and the disruption or blockade of supply routes.

Pope to Benin

Rome: The Pope arrives in Africa today, visiting Benin, where he will meet practitioners of voodoo, Uganda and Sudan. His journey comes seven months after surgeons operated on him to remove a large intestinal tumor.

Volcano erupts

Manila: Mayon volcano in the Philippines has erupted, killing at least 15 people and injuring 41. Officials said five people were missing presumed dead, including two Germans and an Israeli.

Haiti protest

Miami: Dante Caputo, a United Nations special envoy returning to Haiti as part of an effort to reinstate exiled President Aristide, was met by demonstrators protesting against Father Aristide's return.

Villa searched

Rome: Police were searching a villa on the outskirts of Palermo that they believe was the last hideout of Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the Mafia boss. The villa is near where Signor Riina was arrested last month.

Greek drought

Athens: With only 53 days' water reserves after Greece's worst drought in 100 years, drastic water-saving measures have been announced for Athens and Piraeus.

Havel sworn in

Prague: Vaclav Havel, who led Czechoslovakia's "velvet revolution" in 1989, took the oath as first president of the Czech Republic. *(Reuter)*

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTION OF ONE SPECIAL AND FOUR REGIONAL MEMBERS TO THE MILK MARKETING BOARD — 1993

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1. The Board have determined the retirement date for 1993 as midnight on Tuesday, 27 July 1993.

2. One Special Member of the Board and one Regional Member for each of the Northern, West Midland, North Wales and Far-Western Regions have to be elected.

3. The Board are prepared to receive nominations of candidates for these elections. Such nominations must be received by the Board at the Board's offices at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 March 1993.

4. Every person so nominated as a candidate for election as a Special or Regional Member of the Board must deposit with the Secretary of the Board not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 March 1993, the sum of £200.

5. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Special Member of the Board unless he or she has been nominated as a candidate either by resolution of the Board or in writing by at least forty registered producers.

6. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board for an English Region unless he or she has been nominated in writing as a candidate by at least twenty registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a County Branch of the National Farmers' Union in the Region.

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9. A candidate may withdraw from his or her candidature by a written notice to the effect provided it is delivered at the offices of the Board at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 March 1993.

10. Any election literature issued by or on behalf of a candidate should bear the name and address of the person issuing it and the name of the candidate on whose behalf it is issued.

NOTE: Candidates in the Special Member elections of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Board have agreed to offer each properly nominated candidate (if more than one) the opportunity for a 1,000 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board, to be distributed with the voting papers to all producers at a cost to each candidate of £500.

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Candidates who wish to avail themselves of these services must submit a copy of the election address to the Secretary of the Board at Thames Ditton, Surrey, so that it and the relevant fee are received by him not later than Monday, 22 March 1993. If advance notice of an intention to make use of the service can be given it will be administratively most helpful.

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Rabin under fire at home as deportees spurn compromise

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, was yesterday still bogged down by the enduring saga of the Palestinian deportees after his compromise offer was rejected by the exiles and he was criticised at home for weakness.

After the Israeli leader offered to repatriate a quarter of the nearly 400 Palestinians stuck in a snowy camp site between Israeli and Lebanese positions, the deportees yesterday voted unanimously to rebuff his compromise.

"Let he who rejects the American-Israeli deal raise his hands," said Abdul Aziz al-Rantisi, the leader of the 396 deportees, expelled nearly seven weeks ago because of suspected links to militant Muslim groups. When all the men had raised their hands, he said: "Let he who agrees to this deal now raise his hand." None of the deportees stirred, but instead began their prayers by asking God to punish the Israeli leader. "God take our revenge on those who suppressed us. God take our revenge on those who expelled us. God punish Rabin."

A similar, though less explicit, message was directed at the Israeli leader by his own right-wing opposition and members of the security services, who issued a warning that the concession amounted to a humiliating climbdown and could strengthen Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the fundamentalist Islamic groups in the occupied territories.

Yitzhak Shamir, the leader of the main opposition Likud party, accused Mr Rabin of buckling under pressure from the new Clinton administration by "giving up to the Americans before the first shot was even fired". Benjamin Netanyahu, the man tipped as most likely to succeed him as Likud leader, went even further when he compared the repatriation offer with the 1985 Ahmed Jibril deal, when hundreds of Palestinian security prisoners were freed in exchange for a handful of captured Israeli soldiers.

■ The right says he is too weak. The Arabs say he will not go far enough. Israel's prime minister cannot win.

Haaretz, the Hebrew daily newspaper, reported that the head of the Shin Bet intelligence service had warned the Israeli cabinet before its decision on Monday that Israel's Arab rivals would probably interpret the government's climbdown as a sign of weakness and could step up violence against the Jewish state.

Although the Israeli compromise, brokered by Warren Christopher, the new US Secretary of State, means that America will block any attempt at the United Nations Security Council to impose sanctions against Israel and to force the Jewish state to take back all banished Palestinians, it has still not resolved Mr Rabin's dilemma of how to proceed in the deadlocked Middle East peace talks.

The Israeli leader had clearly calculated that his offer would enable his fellow negotiators, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians, to resume face-to-face dialogue in the coming weeks, but yesterday the Arab participants seemed less than enthusiastic.

Palestinian leaders in and outside the occupied territories, Lebanon and Syria all insisted that Mr Rabin had not gone far enough and that the rule of international law, as set out by UN Security Council Resolution 799, must be enforced against Israel. Faris Bouez, Lebanon's foreign minister, welcomed the offer as a first step, but insisted that the international community keep up its pressure until Israel agreed to take back all the banished men. Although Amr Moussa, Egypt's foreign minister, described the Israeli offer as "a start", Issa Darwish, Syria's ambassador to Cairo, was less impressed. "The deportee question is an indivisible whole," he said. "All deportees should be repatriated."

The same mood prevailed among senior figures in the Palestine Liberation Organisation with Nabil Shaath, political adviser to leader Yassir Arafat, saying that the compromise solved nothing. "We will not allow them to shelve the problem. We will keep it at centre-stage," he said.

The most prominent leader in the occupied territories, Faisal Husseini, said that, unless the Jewish state was made to comply on this issue, it would evade its international duty when confronted with other security council resolutions concerning the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "Now they say: 'Let's compromise on UN Resolution 799', tomorrow they will say the same about Resolutions 242 and 338. This cannot be," he said.

Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, tried to put the best possible light on the affair when he cautioned that the Arabs' initial reactions might not be their final word on the subject. "Patience, I would wait a little bit," he said during a visit to Brussels. "I do not expect the first reaction is necessarily the real reaction."

□ **New York:** Terry Anderson, the longest-held American hostage in Lebanon until his release 14 months ago, said yesterday that he had held informal talks with the ambassador to the UN about joining the American delegation.

He said, however, that contrary to several published reports there had been no discussion about his becoming deputy to Madeleine Albright, the American ambassador to the UN. "We didn't discuss the deputy spot because, as I understand it, it has traditionally been a career foreign spot. We talked about other places I might be helpful, where I have considerable interest and knowledge," he said. Mr Anderson, 45, who spent 2,454 days in captivity, said he talked to Mrs Albright last week and would see her again.

He said, however, that he might not be able to accept any position on her staff because of his other commitments, which include completing a book and a speech tour of America. *(AP)*



Giving ground: Rabin offering to repatriate 100 men



Firing line: a policeman firing a shotgun, loaded with birdshot, at striking taxi drivers who blocked key intersections in central Johannesburg for the second day yesterday. The city centre was declared an unrest area, subject to restrictions usually imposed in townships

Zaire calls for foreign troops

FROM AFP IN KINSHASA

ZAIRE'S transitional government appealed for military intervention by Belgium, France and the United States to restore order and security here, claiming that rioting by soldiers had left more than 1,000 dead.

An official of the government of Etienne Tshisekedi, the prime minister, which was dismissed in December by President Mobutu but has refused to step down, telephoned the appeal to foreign journalists late on Monday. The figure of 1,000 deaths was double the 500 victims reported by the Zairean Human Rights League or the 300 or more dead reported by Willy Claes, the Belgian foreign minister.

Russia has evacuated the wives and children of its citizens living in Kinshasa, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

The body of Philippe Bernard, the French ambassador to Zaire who was shot dead in his Kinshasa office on Thursday, has been flown back to Paris. His funeral will be held at the Invalides today with military honours and he will be posthumously made an officer of the Legion of Honour.

Johannesburg police clamp down on black strikers

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

POLICE opened fire on a mob attacking a white motorist, killing one man and wounding at least three others in central Johannesburg yesterday. The killing climaxed two days of violence around a strike by black taxi drivers who allege harassment by traffic authorities.

Last night the commercial centre was declared an unrest area, giving police sweeping powers to arrest suspects and curb demonstrations. The order means that Johannesburg is now subject to the same restrictions commonly imposed in black townships.

The violence occurred despite the intervention on Monday of Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress president, who had arranged a meeting between the taxi operators and the authorities. Hernus Kriel, the law and order minister, told parliament that police had been fired on as they towed away minibus taxis parked across key intersections by some of the 800 striking drivers.

The police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the strikers, who hurled bricks at them when they tried to tow away the vehicles.

An officer at the scene said that the motorist had got out of his car and was chased by a mob. "He was a white man in the wrong place at the wrong time."

But a witness said the man shot dead had come out of a café to see what was going on. The violence occurred as the ruling National Party government published yesterday its proposals for a charter of fundamental rights. It was clearly aimed at preventing a future black government doing to the whites what it has been doing systematically to blacks for the past 40 years.

Kobie Coetsee, the justice minister, told reporters in Cape Town that, while the proposals should be refined by negotiation, a charter must be brought into legal effect before the installation of a transitional government. But the ANC said it was opposed to a bill of rights passed into law by the present government. "A bill of rights by its very nature does not seek to bring rights to those who are without, but rather to entrench the rights of those who already have them," a spokesman said.

Some of the rights proposed in the charter are evidently based on the apartheid regime's own experience in breaching civil rights. There is a clause specifically allowing the freedom of association for individuals, a freedom much attenuated under the banning legislation of the apartheid years.

The right of every citizen to form or join a political party is guaranteed, which will no doubt be welcome to the South African Communist Party, the Pan Africanist Congress, and the ANC, which were proscribed for nearly 30 years. The media, however, will continue to be both registered and licensed.

Other rights are apparently included to protect the interests of the whites, or at least of the economically advanced sections of society, from a future vengeful and redistributive Marxist black government.

One clause establishes the right to establish and operate a private school. Another section demands compensation "determined by a court of law according to the market value of the property" for any property expropriated for public purposes. Thinking ahead, the charter establishes the right not to be subjected to taxes which will have a confiscatory effect.

The biggest constitutional change implied by the proposed charter is that when it is passed into law, the bill of rights and the constitutional court which will test all future laws against the charter will derogate much of the sovereignty from parliament which at present has almost unlimited powers.

"Our history," according to the government in the course of a foreword to the charter which displays a mastery of understatement, "has shown that a constitutional system which grants such wide powers to parliament cannot guarantee the protection of basic rights."

Riots drive thousands from Togo

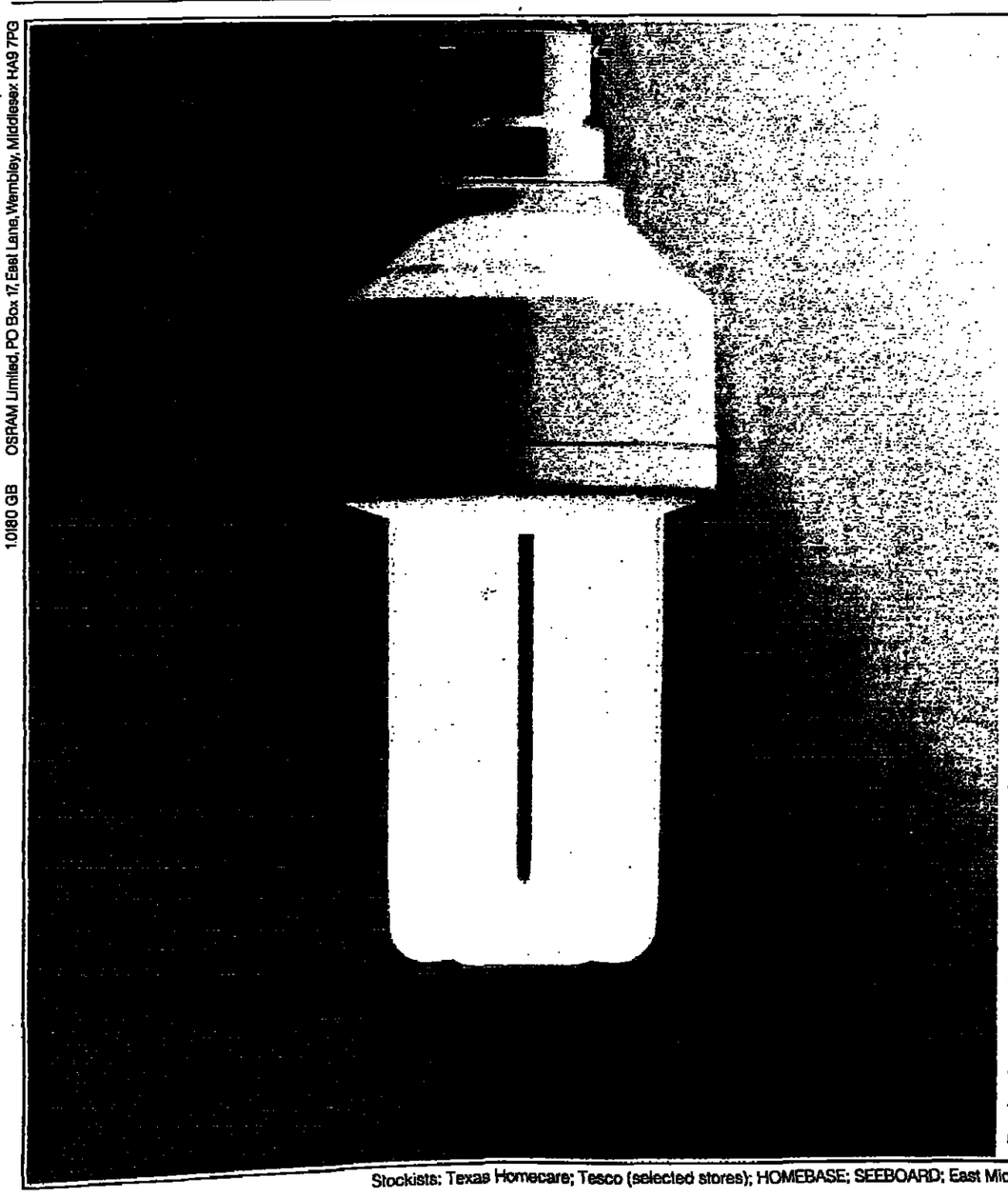
FROM ALAIN BOMMENEL IN LOME

THOUSANDS of people streamed out of the Togolese capital, Lomé, in taxis, buses and trucks yesterday in fear of new shootings by the military.

The exodus follows a weekend rampage by troops after they put down an opposition demonstration in which 16 people are said to have been killed. Troops went on a looting spree, reportedly in revenge for the deaths of two soldiers whom they claim were killed by opposition supporters.

Ignoring an appeal by Agbeyome Kodjo, the interior minister, to stay on, the refugees stacked their bundles, suitcases and trunks on any available transport and headed for the borders with Ghana and Benin. At least 25,000 people had fled by Monday.

Gnassingbe Eyadema, the president of Togo who has ruled for the past 26 years, said on Monday that Ghana's decision to place its armed forces on alert because of unrest in Togo was "provocation" and "intolerable interference". In Accra, the Ghanaian capital, a high-ranking defence official insisted his country had "no intention of attacking Togo". The official said Ghana's decision had been "only a precaution to prevent any Togolese adventurism". *(AFP)*



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Memories of a role model



SARAH MOWER

My grandmother, Maisie Defriez, died the day after Audrey Hepburn. Granny had 30 years on Audrey — she was 94 — and they didn't have much else in common, either, except that Granny cared about clothes too. The parallel between them was that they both proved — Audrey to the world, Granny to me — that caring about clothes doesn't have to mean that a woman is vain or silly.

For each of them, paying attention to appearance was a concern always kept in proportion to more important things in life: but equally, it was never lost, even when times were tough. They both had that special, innate elegance that acts as a bulwark of self-respect against hardship and personal tragedy: something that belongs only to the generations of women who lived through world wars.

> 'She was both thrifty and well-dressed to the last'

Granny's sartorial standards were honed during stints as a milliner and as one of the first of the first world war Wrens, and through the bringing up of six children, virtually penniless and on her own, in the second world war. As far as 20th-century fashion is concerned, Granny saw the lot. From it, she extracted what suited her, always looking assured and immaculately turned out in what must have been home-made clothes and hand-me-downs.

Her volumes of photo albums record it all: Maisie as a vivacious young girl on Bognor Regis beach at the time when you had to use bathing machines to put on a flannel dress, mob cap and bloomers to go into the sea: Maisie as a good-looking evacuee mother in the Lake District, somehow managing to look like Marlene Dietrich in her pants and turban and square shoulders: Granny as an elegant 1960s mother of the groom in bucket hat and a coat with a standaway collar that could have been Balenciaga but certainly wasn't.

Maybe because she knew how much could be done with so little, Granny applied her standards to everyone else in the family. I'm afraid I never really lived up to them. "Darling, you do look smart," was the best compliment that ever came my way, from anyone, because I knew she was telling the truth. Other times, she would dissolve, not unkindly, into laughter, saying "Oh, you look like a Cossack," or "You're a *Principal Boy* today!" — and I'd have to go home and inspect myself again for a lapse into fashion victimhood. She was usually right.

Family weddings were a highlight of Granny's life: planning what she'd wear, and then reporting, in detail, how everyone had dressed. She would deplore a bride who had shown too much cleavage, and rhapsodise over the cousin who had outshone her in a tartan suit, French pleated hair and black pillbox hat.

My favourite of Granny's descriptions was the one she applied to the unbecoming hairdo of a new girl friend who had appeared in the family orbit. "She had it all squawked back, like this!" she exclaimed, pulling back her hair till her eyes popped. "Squawked" was so right. You could almost hear it. The cardinal sin of that poor woman was not her undeniable plainness, but her luxuriousness: apparently, she had to be kept in Hermes scarves, Cartier watches and Dior dresses. Granny could never quite bring herself to approve.

For herself, she was both thrifty and well-dressed to the last. Even when she could no longer shop, she would pore over mail-order catalogues, and when the garment arrived — never up to scratch — she would totter determinedly over to her workbox and set about remaking the thing, adding shoulder-pads, cutting the sleeves to three-quarter length, changing the buttons, tearing off and repositioning the trim and saving the left-overs to dress the doll she was planning for her next great-grandchild.

By far the most difficult clothes decision I've had to make in the past few months has been what to wear at her funeral, which was yesterday. Because she would have cared.

When the wealthy have their hair done in New York there is only one person to see. **Tina Gaudoin** went to see him

JANET DURRANS



Snip at the price: An experience "to die for", but don't give the $250 price or the five-month wait for an appointment a second thought. Being there is what really matters

Fifteen minutes of flattery

Sex with scissors is how it is best described. But it is not quite as brutal as it sounds. Having your hair cut by Frederic Fekkai is one of those experiences that wealthy New York women are constantly heard proclaiming is "to die for". But if the realisation is orgasmic, the foreplay (so to speak) is almost unendurable. Waiting lists for King Cut stretch into June. And once you are in, there is no guarantee that a last-minute emergency (for which read high-profile advertising campaign such as Armani's Gio or Ralph Lauren's Safari or better yet high-profile client such as Barbra Streisand, Bruce Willis or Demi Moore) won't ring up out of the blue to take your place.

There is only one word for Frederic Fekkai Beauty Center and that is "Scene". If you manage to make it through the chicly heavy glass swing doors without sustaining injury, consider yourself fortunate.

Once inside, expect to be placed in a holding pattern. If you are "being done" by the maestro you will undoubtedly experience Wait Alley. Behind you is a line of black telephones for emergency office calls or for calling home to tell the maid what to order for dinner. "No, no, no. We gave the Nixons foie gras last time." Waiting for Fekkai is a Beckettian exercise (average time one hour) but there is plenty to distract you: not least is the star-spotting — Grace Mirabella, John F. Kennedy Jr, Monica Seles, and the attentive waiter service: "Tea, coffee, bagel, granola, salad, fresh fruit?"

Once your gaze lands on Fekkai, 34, the reason for all this hoopla is crystal clear. In the words of the woman sitting next to me: "Jeeeesus, the guy is divine". Fekkai's dark, southern French looks are achingly good. In fact they are so mindblowing even other men are grudgingly forced to comment. "Don't you find him a little too Mediterranean?" asked my husband desperately after being introduced to him at a party.

But it is not just a question of looks. "He's got that divine French accent, he's good looking, charming and intelligent — he knows how to treat a woman, whether she's in his salon or at dinner with him," says a friend. Fekkai better be worth the wait (40 minutes and counting). But here is the real rub. You will get 15 minutes-worth of cutting time maximum for your $250 (£172). "If you know what you're doing you don't need to take longer," says Fekkai confidently. He has been known to cut as many as six heads in one hour.

By Fekkai's own admission flirting is integral to his work. "Every woman likes to be told she looks good, particularly in New York where men are just interested in business," he says. His favourite story involves a loyal customer who came in one morning complaining that her husband of 25 years had phoned her to ask what colour her eyes were. Of course Fekkai knew. So is it possible that he might go on a step beyond running his fingers through a customer's hair?

"No. I never go that far. If I did I would ruin my reputation and my business." He would not want to do that. Last year Frederic Fekkai Beauty Center grossed $6.3 million.

Location and atmosphere as any style meister would tell you are all. Naturally, the beauty centre has both, in heaps. Fekkai got his almost 3,000 square feet of prime real estate perched atop Bergdorf Goodman (the department store of choice for New York's fashion cognoscenti) after his great friend Kelly Klein (wife of Calvin) recommended him to then BG president Dawn Mello.

The atmosphere (all Fekkai engineered) is seductive. Concorde lounge meets MTV. Every seat in the 27-seater salon is taken. The fax (yes, fax) is humming with an urgent message for a publisher who is currently at the tin-foil stage of her lowlights. Above the dull roar of the dryers Sade is crooning about her Bullet Proof Soul and Fekkai, flanked by two assistants, has my hair in one hand and is talking rapidly in animated French into a telephone held in the other. I am, I quickly realise, in rather a disadvantaged position. I postpone the questions on Fekkai's involvement with Madonna to a later date.

We talk about why Fekkai is A, so popular, and B, so busy. He grins: "There is no competition." And he means it. "I recently visited the top salons in Britain and France — they were terrible. No service, dirty robes and towels. No one knows how to run a business."

Fekkai's principles are laudable. "I don't want to make a statement with hair. Simplicity is best. A woman wants to know she comes to me and I make her look wonderful." He is as good as his word. Women who have the time and money to patronise salons anywhere in the world continually return to him.

Fekkai's popularity extends way beyond the salon. He has become a Manhattan accessory. Seen partying with all the best people — *Rolling Stone* magazine's Jann Wenner, Christie Brinkley, model and wife of Billy Joel, and homemaker-extraordinaire Martha Stewart. Says a Manhattan socialite: "Frederic is not just a hairdresser, he's a very successful businessman. Everyone wants him at their event." Fekkai, who is divorced, acknowledges that cutting hair for a living has never held him back socially. "Sure, I work hard and I play hard. In America I can do both." He has all the clichéd trappings of success. A beach house in East Hampton, an apartment on Madison Avenue, a housekeeper, chauffeur, shiny black BMW, shiny chocolate brown pedigree labrador, and a helicopter to avoid the Long Island traffic on Friday nights.

That Fekkai has the ability to "make every woman feel special" is not in doubt. "You look verrry goood," he says attentively, studying my face in the mirror. (I'm in the recovery stages of a gastric 'flu virus so I, my doctor, and the rest of the world would probably disagree.)

For many, the experience of being tended to by one of Fekkai's staff is enough. And of course you don't have to stop with a cut. One English friend of mine went in for a trim. She came out with highlights, a manicure, deep-cleansed face, and a makeover. When the charges (over $800) came through on her husband's American Express bill a month later he had a sense-of-humour arrest. For that sort of money, he said, the least he would have expected was a face-lift.

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More than a puff of smoke

Alfred Dunhill celebrates a centenary of style with a quirky exhibition

Alfred Dunhill recently received a letter from a surgeon working in Bosnia. He wanted to know if the purveyors of luxury goods and smokers' requisites were interested in a 1950s travelling clock.

This is not as odd as it seems. Dunhill, which this year celebrates its centenary, has, for the past two years, been running an advertising campaign in the personal columns of this newspaper appealing for particularly rare Dunhill pieces. The advertisements have produced a rich haul, more than 250 people responded from all over the world. As a result some two dozen items were added to Dunhill's archive to form a travelling exhibition of the company's finest and quirkiest designs.



Appealing for rare pieces

One of the most singular contributions was a cigarette case once owned by Lady Docker made of nine-carat gold in four colours and for some unfathomable reason depicting the Duke of Edinburgh sailing a yacht: the largest item unearthed was a 1935 bridge table, each setting equipped with concealed tobacco jars and whisky decanters.

All of which might come as a surprise to those who associate the name Dunhill solely with those ubiquitous and rather garish back-of-magazine adverts, depicting a Beaujolais-red packet of posh cigarettes against a livid, leather-tooled background. These politically incorrect little items are in fact little to do with the company, being merely a grant of title: the real Dunhill business today comprises watches, leather goods, jewellery and men's clothes — which last, despite Dunhill's insistence that they are classically styled and English, are largely Italian in both design and manufacture. The pipes and lighters for which the company is so famous tend to take a back seat these days.

Dunhill has been through many mutations since the firm's founding in 1893. Briefly a saddler, Alfred Dunhill saw an opportunity with the coming of the motor car and — under the name Dunhill Motorities — quickly established himself as the leading supplier of quality driver's accessories and clothing, notably floor-length leather coats that weighed almost as much as the men for whom they were intended, and a horrible all-in-one fur-lined goggles and face protector.



Archive material: Dunhill's leather summer driving coat

It was a chance commission that changed the direction of the company — one motorist was fed up with burning tobacco flying into his face as he was tootling along the Brighton road, and so Alfred Dunhill designed a very beautiful pipe, the bowl of which incorporated a windshield. Later came a dashboard-mounted pipe with a long, flexible mouthpiece like that of a hookah (with the driver already dressed up like the man in the moon, it can hardly have made him appear any more ridiculous). The advent of the covered automobile made Dunhill realise that the days of such ingenious innovations were numbered, and he opened an exclusive tobacconist in Duke Street, St James's, London — the site of today's shop.

As a result of a direct hit during the Blitz the original archive was destroyed, along with irreplaceable letters and testimonials from the world's great and good (the Duke of Windsor, P G Wodehouse) and not so (Stalin). It was not until the centenary loomed that the current chairman Richard Dunhill, Alfred's grandson, commissioned Ian McComish, a long-time employee, to establish another museum. This has been accomplished in a remarkably short time, and Mr McComish (who has never smoked in his life) delights in demonstrating the innards of such things as ladies' gold cigarette cases that incorporate lipsticks, mirrors, watches, manicure sets, compacts, pencils and an ivory note slate; were such delights commissioned today, the space for cigarettes could no doubt accommodate a condom dispenser or a rape alarm, according to taste.

Many Dunhill products — such as the Rollagas lighter and the briar pipe with its famous white spot — have become design classics, and the company has remained true to the spirit of its founder, who said of any Dunhill product that "it must be useful, it must work dependably, it must be beautiful, it must last, if must be the best of its kind". The company seems to apply this to everything except its own shop. The old interior of the 1970s was brooding, majestic and yet intimate — the art deco, mottled mirrored cabinets choc-a-bloc with sunken tobacco jars, pipes and lighters. Nowadays it is a brightly lit clothes shop with treacherous steps and tobacco products somewhere at the back, if you look hard enough. I am told, however, that the Japanese (who account for 40 per cent of the company's international business) like it very much indeed — so that's all right, then.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

● *The exhibition*, Alfred Dunhill: One Hundred Years and More, *will be at the Central Hall at Harrods from April 15 to May 1.*

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Tell Nirvana the news



Rock-gospel: Seattle's music paper. "There's a dark side to life here," a staff writer says. "It probably goes back to Indian legends."

The woolly hats are on. The night is about to begin. Kate Muir reports from Seattle on life after grunge

What happens when the American exhortation to "Go West" can be carried no further? The mad, the bad and the daring, those with the genes that told them to keep on walking, all ended up in Seattle, the last city on the north-west frontier of the United States. With nowhere to go but the Pacific Ocean, the former explorers — now citizens of this grey, rain-washed state — hunkered down and started breeding.

Naturally, their offspring were strange. Trapped by geography and genetically programmed to be restless, the youth of Seattle could not run, so they broke out on the spot. Not for nothing is Washington State the land of *Twin Peaks*, grunge, Riot Grrrls and other mysterious teen phenomena.

The melting pot of acne, hormones, revolution, relative poverty, frustration and isolation boiled over in the late 1980s and the musical, social and sartorial results were labelled grunge. Rebellion was no longer dominated by rap; white slumming had returned.

Now in the first weeks of 1993, all Seattle is in grunge denial. They may still be wearing the lumberjack-on-acid clothes and listening to Nirvana and Pearl Jam, but international fame has devalued grunge. When the film *Singles* canonises the Seattle scene, when Karl Lagerfeld does flowery old dresses with tweed jackets and bovver boots for Chanel, rebellious youth knows it is time to get out.

As the owners of the club RCKNDY (Rockcandy) explain to their clientele in January's programme, "1992 was the year that international attention was focused longingly on you, the denizens of the fabled Grunge Rock Scene. You wore flannel and kids in Tokyo swooned. You forgot to wash your hair and fashion models stopped bathing altogether. You said mosh and Madonna took you out to dinner to ask how high."

Local bands who wish to retain any artistic credibility are throwing off the grunge label, which they consider to have been wrongly appropriated by the media and milked for all it is worth by bestselling bands such as Nirvana. There is much disgust at bands sneaking up to Seattle from San Francisco and Los Angeles, dressing down and instantly getting record deals.

Kurt Cobain, Nirvana's lead singer, recognised the potential of grunge long before others. In the bestselling single, "Smells like Teen Spirit", he sings: "I feel stupid and contagious", which is a fair description of what has happened to Seattle. As they say here, grunge is no longer an attitude — it is a career.

But if grunge is dead, post-grunge and other subcultural mutations are doing just fine. There cannot be many cities where you can roll in on a wet Wednesday night and find what can only be described as a happening scene. Half a dozen clubs offer two or three bands each. Entrance is about $4. At The Vogue there is Easy, Bliss and Sugar Buzz; at The Crocodile there is Squirt, Mom and Celibate Twist; at The Swan Café there is Slobberpocket, Monkeyfinger and Rattletrap. At the weekend we might have heard the all-girl hardcore punks 7 Year Bitch, or Cyberchrist Dirt-Nap, Sweaty Nipples, Thunderjelly, Patchouli Sewer, Naugahyde, Frankly Scarlett, Iron Sausage and White Male Guilt.

Ms MacDonald opens a packet and offers two green blobs. E? Some new grunge drug? No, she plugs them in her ears

At 5.30pm, Fallout Records is bustling with girls in 1950s dresses and tackety boots, carrying rucksacks and plastic tulips. A man is trying to persuade the shop to add his efforts to the display of photocopied fanzines. By 6.30pm, it is happy hour at Off Ramp, a café cum club under the motorway flyover. Pink cocktails are served in plastic cups along with Pyramid Wheaten Ale, a local microbrew. The woolly hats are on, and the night is about to begin.

Val MacDonald, a part-time surfer and student at Washington State University, volunteers as our post-grunge guide.

The Deflowers are striking up on the stage next door, so she shouts. "There's a lot of animosity that the various Seattle sounds are all being labelled grunge. There's heavy metal, there's punk, there's hip-hop — it's diverse. Grunge is just used to describe how people dress."

She looks around the club. "In fact, it's not even dressing. You don't see any after-five attire here. People just find a shirt in the trash and fling some pants on and can't afford a haircut, and suddenly that's fashion." A while later, at the Lobo, a nearby bar, the men in checked flannel shirts who look the epitome of grunge fashion turn out to be steelworkers.

Nothing is what it seems. Towards midnight at RCKNDY, which is decorated with chicken wire and concrete, Ms MacDonald opens a small packet and offers two green blobs. E? Some new grunge drug? No, she plugs them in her ears in case of damage from night after night of heavy guitar riffs.

Why does she suffer it? "I like the dark side to some of the music. And I like being down there in the mosh pit, really letting go." The mosh pit is the area just in front of the stage where hundreds of sweaty bodies squash together. Moshing, explains Ms MacDonald, is different from say, headbanging or pogoing. There is more swaying as a group, and bouncing.

At RCKNDY, large signs say "No Stagediving", an aspect of moshing which involves the fan flinging himself, sometimes with his trousers down, on top of the crowd. "Of course, if you're a girl, you're more likely to find people holding you up and passing you overhead to the back of the crowd. But if you're a fat man, they might just drop you on your head."

These are strange, masochistic pleasures, but they match the desolate lyrics of bands such as Nirvana and Alice in Chains: "I'm the man in the box", goes one song. "I'm the dog who gets beat."

Gillian Gaar, who writes for *The Rocket*, Seattle's music paper, explains: "There's a northwest characteristic, a real dark side to life out here. It probably goes back to Indian legends of evil spirits or something. That's why *Twin Peaks* worked so well here. Maybe that's why we have a high incidence of serial killers."

According to a national survey, people in the North West are least likely to believe in God, have a high suicide rate, and are the least trustful of authority. It also rains a lot. "Nirvana reflect that dark side. There's a lot of sorrow and rage in their music. 7 Year Bitch have that gnarly, grungy sound too," says Ms Gaar, whose book on female musicians, *She's a Rebel*, is published in Britain by Blandford this month. If she had to categorise the up-and-coming and much-tattooed 7 Year Bitch, she would plump for "foxcore" — the all-female version of hardcore rock. Their songs have equally depressing titles, "Dead Men Don't Rape" being one.

Curiouser and curiouser. The bright grunge package is nasty inside. *The Stranger*, the weekly listings paper, exemplifies this. Its lead story is on Seattle's rat patrol. Homelessness and increased gang activity are contributing to the problem. "With social breakdown", says the rat patrol man, "you get rats." He informs readers that ten out of every 100,000 people in city areas are bitten by rats each year.

In Fallout Records, among the jolly fanzines, there lurks *Antabuse*, named after the drug which induces vomiting in lapsed alcoholics. Its cartoons, directed mainly at young women, include "Signed in Blood", a story of a ten-year-old girl who is abused by her father. "I wrote everything in my diary," it says. "I cut myself, dripped blood on it, and signed it. Then I burned the whole thing."

The fanzines are often the work of a growing part of the grunge subculture, Riot Grrrls. All-woman bands of feminist leanings, they publish fanzines when not singing about anorexia, bulimia, suicide, self-mutilation and the general wickedness of men.

The bands, with names such as Bratmobile, Heavens to Betsy and Bikini Kill, tend to wear little-girl dresses and big stompy boots. Often they write words such as RAPE and VOMIT in marker pen on their arms: temporary protest tattoos. Bikini Kill are touring Britain this month, insisting on writing their own articles for the British music press, and ensuring that the mosh pit at their gigs is women-only, for physical safety.

"Riot Grrrls are a lot more underground, a lot more political," Ms Gaar says. But as with anything prefaced by the word Seattle, their newfound fame cannot be long in coming, however depressing the content of their songs. Already *Newsweek* has branded Riot Grrrls "*The* latest rock trend". Karl Lagerfeld, take note.

Britannia was used by the royal family for less than a month last year. As the yacht nears the end of her life, can Britain afford a replacement?

Britannia sails into a storm

In 1951 one of the last acts of the Labour government, before it lost the election that year, was to commission a 5,700 tonne royal yacht. The emphasis on rebuilding a war-shattered economy had meant that, until then, such plans met with resistance. *The Times*, in an editorial, welcomed the yacht saying that it had not been seemly for the monarch as head of the British Empire to have to charter a liner when he or she had occasion to go "afloat in state".

Britannia came into service in 1954 and is still in use having had more than £100 million spent on refits, at current prices. Last year she had her latest refit, which cost £6-7 million in addition to her annual running cost to the defence ministry of £11.5 million.

Her existence was partly based on a deft piece of public relations. In 1938 when the old yacht *Victoria and Albert* was scrapped, the navy minister of the day, Duff Cooper, pointed out to cabinet colleagues that, in times of war, it could be argued that a new yacht could double as a hospital ship. The second world war, however, led to the scrapping of plans for this hospital ship, but the justification was revived in 1951. While certain elements of the yacht's design would allow for the dual use — extensive laundry facilities for example — *Britannia* was never seriously intended to serve in times of war.

That is why it took the Falklands war for the navy to realise she burnt the wrong fuel, so a cruise liner, *Uganda*, had to be chartered for use as a floating hospital. By the time of the Gulf war the MoD had spent £6 million to convert the ship to diesel, but another problem intervened, *Britannia* does not have a helicopter deck on which casualties could be landed. On Monday, Archie Hamilton, the present navy minister, conceded that *Britannia* would never serve as a wartime hospital vessel.

In recent years a new use for the 125 metre royal yacht was found. She is employed for three days a year to host foreign business people. On the basis of this very limited use, the MoD claims that the royal yacht brings hundreds of millions of pounds of business to Britain. These "Sea Days", as they are called, may have a certain public relations value, but does *Britannia* make hard-nosed foreign businessmen place orders for British goods? Trade is based mostly on harsh economic reality rather than any sentiment about trips in the royal yacht. If Sea Days really did bring in business, surely there would be more of them?

When *Britannia* was commissioned in 1951, long-distance travel was mainly by ship, now the royals travel internationally by plane. *Britannia* is sent to await the royals and their staff in a foreign port where its presence is meant to boost Britain's image and exports. She is not actually a means of royal travel, but a transportable floating palace. Last year royal use came to 27 days, partly because of the yacht's refit at Portsmouth, but in the two previous years, the tally was only 31 and 42 days. In contrast, the Queen's Flight, which can be used by the Queen, the Queen Mother, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh for private travel, as well as for official engagements, was heavily used.

One royal use of *Britannia* which occurs practically every summer is that she is taken to the Cowes yachting regatta. This is obviously a private use. At Cowes, the yacht towers over the smaller craft and majestically presides over the hectic social scene. The usual routine is that after the regatta, the royals cruise leisurely up the west coast of England and Scotland, breaking off for the odd official visit, then round Scotland's north and east coast to Aberdeen where they disembark for Balmoral.

Next month Prince Philip is going on an official visit to some of the Caribbean islands, using the royal yacht. His two-week itinerary will take in a speech on The Arts and Nature and a reception for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme in Palm Beach, Florida. He will stay in *Britannia*'s royal apartments, refurbished in 1987 at a cost of £3.3 million. Are Dominica, Montserrat etc, really key export markets for British goods?

According to press reports, a year ago the government shelved plans for an £80 million replacement yacht, to avoid alienating the taxpayer in the middle of a recession. Surely, in the present climate such plans will be allowed to gather a lot more dust, even when *Britannia* sails off into the sunset. The navy minister has said that "in view of her age" *Britannia*'s future is under review.

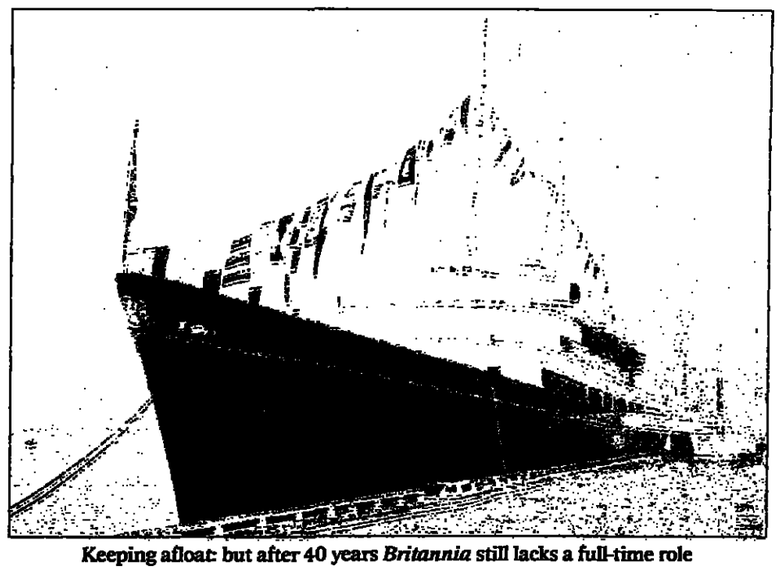
The royal yacht, in reality an ocean-going ship, is no longer needed. She is used only as a floating hotel. The hospital ship option has finally run aground. The idea that *Britannia* is vital to Britain's export drive is equally hard to keep afloat. No convincing argument for a new yacht may well mean no new yacht.

PHILLIP HALL

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The Queen's drawing room in the 1950: a palace at sea



Keeping afloat: but after 40 years *Britannia* still lacks a full-time role

Life and how to survive it — by John Cleese and Robin Skynner

TO COINCIDE with publication of their book, *Life and How to Survive It*, John Cleese and Robin Skynner are to speak at a Times/Dillons forum on relationships beyond the the family. The forum, chaired by Brian Redhead, is at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, on February 24, at 7.30pm. Order tickets using the coupon or contact Dillons direct.

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Alan Coren



■ Children are losing much *more than pigs from their new*, politically correct, storybooks

This morning, though the ensuing folderol demands total caution, I have no option but to proceed with total abandon. That is because I am assembling it *from words*. Were it possible to fashion it from Plasticine or strum it on the banjo, it might do less damage, but even then nothing is certain: these days, the risk of a racist crochet *is not lightly to be disregarded*, nor can we be sure that young lives might not be ruined by passive modelling. Expose, say, an aquiline child to an insensitively sculpted conk, and who can be certain that he might not decide to spend the rest of his life with his head in a sack?

But words are the worst. Words are big trouble. They say things, but the things they say may, on occasion, be different from the things they say they say. And that, in these caring times, is totally unacceptable. Suppose, in the course of my imminent argument, I were to describe something as a black mark, a bald statement, a crippling liability, a dumb idea, a lame excuse, suppose I were to refer to yellow behaviour, blind panic, gay abandon, short shrift (all of which, indeed, clamour to be deployed), just think of the breadth of unintentional insult they would embrace!

All this started, quietly enough, with Alison Uttley. A day or so ago, I was sent a PEN survey on censorship in which, flipping through as one does, I noticed that the majority of publishers were now refusing to allow authors to use the word "pig" in children's books for fear of offending Muslims. A pity, I thought: this must mean that large numbers of British children were excluded from the reading community on the grounds that Sam Pig, despite his floppy hat, red waistcoat and impeccable manners, was unclean. He was not a little chap at all. He was crackling. He was lard. He was not, unfortunately, Sam Chicken. If he had been Sam Chicken, everybody could have read about him.

So, too, everybody could have read about Peter Chicken. I assume that Orthodox Jews do not want their children to read about Peter Rabbit, rabbits being, to them, as *dietarily incorrect as pigs, but Peter Chicken* would be all right. Just as, I suppose, it would be all right for Hindu children if a chicken jumped over the moon. You may conclude from this that children's fiction stands poised to become a trifle unvarious, there are a lot of unclean animals out there, we could be looking at *Chicken of Chicken Hall* and *Orlando the Marmalade Chicken*, but at least they wouldn't upset anyone.

For *Alice in Wonderland*, I hold out little hope, given that Alice follows a rabbit down a hole to meet a duchess who throws a baby about before turning into a pig: apart from all the ethnic unacceptability involved, it is clearly on the cards that Fergie, say, would sue on behalf of defamed single-parent aristocrats everywhere, a *minority*, I would remind you, whose numbers grow less negligible by the hour. Mind you, she'd be on shaky ground, given her *Budgie* books: many poor children do not have *helicopters*, and if, as the PEN survey claims, authors are now discouraged even from mentioning big houses and grassy lawns on the grounds that grounds are what most children do not have, I doubt that her publishers would relish the publicity.

They would prefer to be out commissioning *The Squat at Pooh Corner* or *Five Go Into Care*, since such would be more, where's that survey again, "relevant" than ballet lessons, gymkhanas, midnight feasts in dorms, or the "unacceptably supernatural" doings of witches, goblins and the rest. And, or course, as each manuscript arrived, a crack editorial *Waffenkommando* would pounce, charged with the excision of any word deemed capable of a construction which might somehow disturb someone, somewhere. Which, of all the insanities that censorship invites, is quite the maddest of all: to divide or marginalise kids by race, class, background, belief, or whatever else, is appalling enough, to limit their opportunity either to experience a real world which is not theirs or to exercise an imagination which allows them to transcend both is equally monstrous, but to intervene between them and the limitless possibilities of language is ... well, words fail me.



Rout of the economists

The bluff of monetary models, theories and statistics has been called — a whole profession now stands arraigned

Simon Jenkins

Seventeen years ago the Met Office stopped publishing long-range weather forecasts. They were so often wrong. Too many variables were involved for even the most capacious computer to give adequate predictions. The public was being misled. I remember thinking how greatly this stood to the Met Office's credit.

Should economists now show like reticence? Last week the government cut Britain's base interest rate to 6 per cent. It is now half what it was when Britain left the European exchange-rate mechanism last September to allow sterling to devalue. The policy was a U-turn, but so too was the theory behind it. The Chancellor had previously told the *Financial Times*, to its evident approval: "The illusion that devaluation would enable us to make a substantial reduction in interest rates ... is fool's gold." Yet precisely that has happened. So who told him it could not? An economist?

I am always careful with macro-economics. It is a subject, like income tax and working a video-recorder, which can be comprehended only in short bursts and with an icepack on the head. But has it ever been in greater disarray? Time was when we could all fasten on the one current fixation of the powers-that-be: sterling, the PSBR, inflation. Now all is confusion. Pundits leap into print unsure whether interest rates should come down promptly to zero, or whether they are so low as to risk a resumed inflationary spiral. Economics is like pre-Newtonian physics, sitting under a tree and awaiting a bump on its head. Yet every minister still has his "economist", like a medieval prince with his astrologer.

Students this week will have swallowed a searing cocktail of economic phenomena. The pound is down; inflation is falling; unemployment is rising; the balance of payments is deteriorating; the government is pushing public borrowing up; the government is pushing interest rates down. Economics says that most of these should not be happening at the same time. A government which grandly told the electorate *nine months* ago that there was "no alternative" to fighting inflation with a fixed price for sterling, high interest rates and a shrinking public sector is now going in the opposite direction. It espouses a floating pound, low interest rates and a growing public sector — yet says its *commitment against inflation is unchanged*. Is this nonsense really all its own idea? I smell an economist.

The present generation of politicians and officials are still in thrall to these magicians. They were brought up in the age of planning, of "can-do" economics. They cannot kick the habit of believing that all markets are better if regulated, that currencies are happier fixed and that speculators are the incarnation of evil. When the Chancellor and the prime minister stand on their heads, I must believe they do so on doctor's orders. The Treasury's economists are no longer on tap but "on top". Its permanent secretary, Sir Terry Burns, is himself a distinguished, indeed benign, member of the fraternity. For Sir Terry and his predecessors, the central article of faith throughout the 1980s was ERM membership. They were supported in the faith by all Baroness Thatcher's Chancellors and by the present prime minister. They were cheered on by the Pearson press (the *FT* and *Economist*) and even by the Labour and Liberal parties. Lose the ERM, they told all who would listen, and the result would be even worse medicine. They were very rude to those — here I clear my throat — who said the pound should have been devalued and interest rates cut at the start of the recession two years ago.

Even Tory economists who did not like the ERM accepted that whatever risks a Chancellor might take, he should keep deflation as his lodestar. Inflation was to late-Thatcherism what public borrowing had been to early-Thatcherism. The policy was Kennedy-esque in its simplicity: the cabinet would "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe ..." to reduce inflation. Only when the market had had enough did mandarins and ministers confront the torture by fire of an exchange-rate crisis. They tried to bribe their way out with billions of pounds of other people's money. But they soon fell quaking at the feet of the Grand Inquisitor of market forces, and converted on the spot.

This week sterling has fallen and government long-term bond yields have soared. This means that the markets do not believe the cabinet any longer has the will to curb its spending and limit inflation. The cabinet has at last become more worried about recession than about inflation. It has gone for easier money and more borrowing — dangerously late. With the throttle full open, the gears have crashed from reverse to forward. The economy is to be sent once again careering on a joyride across the parking lot. The markets are wisely protecting themselves.

Reflected in the great mirrors of the Reform Club are the stern faces of government economists denying all part in this shambles. No Treasury or Bank of England *resignations* followed Black Wednesday, a débâcle that was professional as well as political. If economic advisers were members of a professional body there would surely have been hearings and strikings off: economics shares with architecture a belief that its blunders are due to the idiocy of its clients. Each mistaken forecast or recommendation is followed by a plea for "more research" or a "bigger statistics department".

Like his partner in chaology the climatologist, the economist can scan the horizon of the past and trace general patterns. But also like the climatologist, his forecasts lack the essence of a science, that they be empirically verifiable. They are intelligent guesses. Denis Healey, one of the Treasury's more spirited incumbents, warned against treating economics as a science. It was a branch of social psychology. He vowed to make economic forecasters "distrusted for ever" for their persistent extrapolations from "a partially known past, through an unknowable present to an unknowable future". He might have recalled the mathematical anguish of the economist asked by his wife, "How much do you really love me?"

It is in the nature of a novice profession to oversell itself to politicians. That way it gets more money. It will also tend to claim bad decisions were a perversion of its advice. But economics is an accessory after the fact of economic crime. It peddles bogus objectivity, such as statistics purporting to measure unemployment or productivity or price inflation. It peddles no less bogus models of money supply, employment and growth. The thousands thrown out of work as a result of modelling errors in the past five years might be a little consoled if they knew somebody else suffered for contributing to their misery, and for the dud growth forecasts that prolonged it.

The only remorse I have encountered is from the Henley forecaster, Professor Paul-Ormerod, in his British Association paper last August. He eloquently attacked his calling for being "littered with new concepts which have given little insight into how economies actually work". Economics, he said, was "in disarray ... the forecasting record of the models, never brilliant, has deteriorated since the mid-1980s; in virtually every Western country serious errors have been made." Ormerod suggested that much current economic theory should be "abandoned or at least suspended until it can find a sounder empirical base".

The mystery is that Mr Lamont's colleagues are lining up to take his place. The Chancellor has the worst job in government. He is credited with nothing and blamed for everything. He must put on two stones in weight and lose two stones in reputation. He is at the mercy of the most dangerous officials, "Rolls-Royce minds" who "never see a joke except by appointment".

British political memoirs are full of the excitement of the Foreign Office, the thrill of Defence, the black humour of Northern Ireland, the achievement of a new pensions structure or new hospital regime or new university reform. The Treasury is the department of exhaustion and frustration. The one satisfaction Chancellors ever cite is that they have found ever more ingenious ways of giving bad news. But nothing is bleaker than to be beset by professionals secure in their jobs and demanding more resources when they get something wrong.

If there must be a government economist, I say give the job to Ormerod, or subcontract it to the Met Office. They understand humility.

Fear and loathing in France

Spirits are lower than the franc, says Charles Bremner

The perfidious Anglo-Saxons are up to their old tricks, making life miserable for the French. That, at least, is how many politicians and media pundits interpret the blows which have rained over the past week on their economy. First came the "Hoover scandal", in which the workers of Cambuslang, with backing from the Scottish Office, robbed Burgundy of its vacuum cleaner factory by offering to make the machines for 40 per cent less. The case has been greeted in France as treachery only a little short of the sinking of the fleet at Mers El Kébir in 1940.

There followed the threat of an American trade war over steel and utilities and then the pressure on the franc. It is generally agreed that the Americans fight dirty. Britain, however, is deemed duplicitous because it has engaged in job piracy and competitive devaluation when it was supposed to be playing the European game.

Before dismissing the reaction as sour grapes, it might be wiser to to see the emotion as a symptom of the defeatism inflicting the Gallic psyche. About the only thing the French agree on these days is that the country is in a state of nervous breakdown, gripped by *morosité, désespoir, chagrin, angoisse, desarroi (helplessness), ennui* and all those other emotions best expressed in French.

Anyone who thinks Britain has a self-esteem problem should listen to the fraught talk in the corner café and the middle-class dinner table. Better still, dip into the bestseller lists. Alain Peyrefitte, the Gaullist academician, writes for example that "France is afraid, afraid of being left behind by history". His book, *La France en Desarroi*, has made a killing. And no self-respecting novelist is without his sound-bite of doom. "I have only known a France that is sick, tired, bitter, bad tempered," lamented François Nourissier.

Of course melancholic whinging has been a Gallic industry since Roman days and nobody has griped with more elegance. Every generation for the past century has chimed in with its version of Flaubert's lament to "*Pauvre France!*". All is certainly far from rosy in 1993, what with three million unemployed and intimations of war in Europe. *La Crise*, to use the umbrella term, is also being fuelled by the feeling of paralysis as the Mitterrand regime creaks towards its scheduled close in two years' time. The general election in late March is hardly a help since the expected conservative government will be dominated by the same old centre-right crew that have been squabbling among themselves for two decades. Whatever they do, the elderly president-monarch will be trying to put a spanner in their works.

However, as most of the annual 60 million foreign visitors can testify, France really has the kind of troubles that most other countries would envy. It has adapted to modernity better than most, its economy is relatively healthy and the great majority of people still live exceedingly well.

So the state of nerves appears to be more profound and irrational than a passing *cafard* (blues) linked to the economy. The gloom seems to draw, as the pundits have been noting since the campaign for the Maastricht referendum, on an existential despair over the French identity. Luckily, no country could be better equipped to analyse the condition. Symptoms are being spotted on all sides. France consumes more tranquillisers than any other nation. Surely, it is said, only irrational fear could be driving the craze for the supernatural on television and the recourse of senior businessmen to astrology and graphology.

When a handful of diehard royalists decided to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Louis XVI's trip to the guillotine last month, the pundits succumbed to an orgy of analysis. In a fit of Freudianism the newsweekly *Le Point* decided that France was trying to "deal with" the guilt of murdering its father.

Pop psychiatrists are also noting an unhealthy degree of self-loathing, not exactly a trait which foreigners usually associate with the nation of Monsieur Chauvin. Michel Sardou, a singer whose social views were probed on television, pronounced that low self-esteem was the trouble. "The French think the whole world takes them for fools," he said.

Now in the midst of all the self-flagellation, therapy is available. Two leading sociologists have argued that France's nervous breakdown is merely the product of self-induced hysteria. The country is better prepared than any other to face the next century because it was first to place a high priority on personal *fulfilment*, said Gerard Demuth, a sociologist and head of a consulting firm.

The biggest boost to the bruised Gallic soul has come from a book by Alain Duhamel, a distinguished writer who believes France has talked itself into a blue funk for no justifiable reason except high unemployment. In *Les Peurs Françaises* (French Fears), M Duhamel spends 275 pages listing and then exorcising the demons obsessing the populace, or at least their chattering classes. France, he concludes, is blessed with immense strength and good fortune: it is "the nation state *par excellence*", destined for a great future if only the people will wake up and realise it. M Duhamel's message may do the trick. His book is now nearing the top of the charts.

Dietrich's duellists

NINE months after her death, the battle of Marlene Dietrich's biographers shows no sign of abating. Last year two authors — Donald Spoto and Maria Riva, Dietrich's daughter — engaged in a headline-grabbing fight to reveal every aspect of the film star's long and exotic life.

Next month should see a third enter the biographical battleground in the shape of the Yorkshire-based author David Bret, whose previous subjects include Maurice Chevalier, for which Dietrich wrote a foreword, and Edith Piaf. A third, that is, if Bret escapes the legal minefield he has written himself into. He has just received a letter from Riva's solicitors demanding transcripts of tape recordings that Bret made of his telephone conversations with Dietrich and details of the photographs Dietrich gave Bret. Copyright in the conversations, the letter says, belongs to Dietrich's estate and any "unauthorised reproduction [is] actionable". Likewise, "letters and other documents written by Miss Dietrich ... may not be reproduced in any form without the Estate's consent". An injunction is promised if Bret does not send the material by Friday.

Bret, who first met Dietrich in 1974, taped every telephone call he had with the star but says he has no intention of publishing the transcripts of their conversations or the text of the letters she sent him. "Because I am not printing them they have no right to object to the book."

His solicitors have written back refusing to comply. He believes Riva's demand is "an act of spite. She feels that nobody else should have anything of Marlene's." But, he adds, his rival is worrying unduly. "Maria Riva is worried that I will sully her reputation, but I have no intention of sullying her name more than she has done with her own book."

● *While Clare Short and Chris Smith announced Labour's plan to double-glaze the nation on Monday, Lord Healey was busy on weightier matters. Namely, why has Labour spent so long in the political wilderness? Presenting this year's Duff Cooper Prize to his friend Peter Hennessy for* Never Again, *an analysis of the 1945-51 Attlee government, he said that Attlee's administration "fulfilled the whole Labour party programme". Ever since, Labour has been searching for a new agenda, he says. "Research is still continuing, but mark my words, it will succeed." But when?*

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FO PR OK

THE PUBLICITY machine in the Foreign Office seems to have changed gear of late. First *Hello!* published a flattering spread of Sir Robin Renwick, Britain's new ambassador to the US, and his wife "at home" in Washington. Then there was Sir Christopher Mallaby's high profile departure to Paris via the Channel tunnel, enabling him to claim the title of the first British ambassador to take up his appointment by land.

The Foreign Office, however, dismisses any suggestion of a new PR directive. "We are simply too busy to bother with that sort of *thing*," says a spokesman, although he does admit that the stunts have done the FO a power of good. "This is confirmation of what the Foreign Office has always been — a bunch of highly dedicated workers, rather than a group of chinless champagne swillers." Perish the thought.

Biter bit

LORD Campbell of Croy's vigorous campaign against the Highland midge, first recorded in the Diary last November, is fairly buzzing. Tomorrow he tables a question in the Lords asking the government, in the light of information received, "whether they are giving further consideration to the useful service which could be provided by red mites in reducing the numbers of midges?"



November's question, which asked the government to encourage the introduction and distribution of the mite, led to a lively debate, with Lord Fraser of Carmyllie noting that the "red mite is proving a mite elusive". But it also led to Campbell receiving an enthusiastic letter from Dr Anne Baker, an entymologist at the Natural History Museum, confirming the red mite exists.

Campbell now has a "rather disgusting" photograph of a red mite killing a midge. "Now I hope that the government will back research. Anyone who has been to the Highlands will know how painful the midge can be. We do not want to wipe out the midge, just to reduce its numbers." Small comfort if you're a midge.

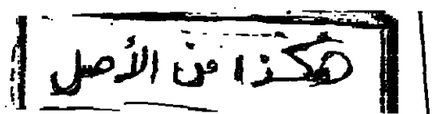
Honourable men

THERE are few breeding grounds for authors as fertile as Westminster. Good news for publishers, perhaps, but less good for visiting parliamentarians, who find it deeply confusing. Consider the unfortunate Jonathan Aitken, minister for defence procurement, who last month published *Nixon: A Life*, his fifth book. Recently a party of Japanese parliamentarians arrived at Aitken's office in the MoD to pay homage.

Aitken says: "They bowed low and addressed me as a famous author and a great authority on security matters, which was very flattering. We had a long meeting and we discussed various issues. At the end they said they were honoured and they said how much they had looked forward to meeting me. Then they presented me with a copy of a book by Nigel West and asked me to sign."

Nigel West, as he gently pointed out to his guests, is the pen-name of Rupert Allason, MP, intelligence expert and author, but not, as yet, a defence minister.

● *Enough, enough. No more sing-alonga jokes, please. The Diary can take no more.* The Golden Treasury *from which Busby & Busby draws its inspiration when naming curtain fabrics (January 29) was of course compiled by Palgrave, not Bygrave. However, Nick Busby admits some of the firm's promotional material does use the deliberately misspelt but descriptive Rosetti for the pink silk favoured by Bill Clinton for the presidential curtains. "But we've sent if off with two 's's," he says.*



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WOLF AT THE DOOR

Europe wants to agree a trade deal, but it may be too late

Like the boy who cried "wolf", negotiators on international trade have long since lost credibility when they warn of an approaching trans-Atlantic trade war. Since December 1990, when the Uruguay round of trade talks was originally supposed to have ended, final deadlines have come and gone, eleventh hours have ticked away, and last ditches have fallen, with little perceptible effect on the world economy and none at all on the standing of the world leaders who solemnly promised at one international summit after another to make a deal on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

After this long history of false alarms, it is perhaps not surprising that American and European politicians have become increasingly cavalier in their attitude to trade relations, taking ever bigger risks with the future of Gatt for the sake of easy populist payoffs. It seems to have been everywhere forgotten that the boy who cried wolf was eventually eaten.

The Clinton administration's first few days in office suggest that, at just the time that Europe has begun to adopt a more responsible attitude to the world's economic well-being, American politicians are becoming more reckless than ever before. The trans-Atlantic economic provocation reached a new climax on Monday with the administration's threat to freeze European companies out of American government contracts, in retaliation against a new Utilities Directive from Brussels, which will give European companies preference in bidding for certain government contracts.

Although the EC directive does discriminate in favour of European companies, it does so in areas not covered by Gatt and in which protectionism is rife in America. The Utilities Directive will reduce the amount of protection enjoyed by companies that had been favoured for decades as "national champions" by individual governments in Europe. It will increase the competitive opportunities available to European subsidiaries of multinational companies that are ultimately American-owned.

In this case, therefore, Europe was broadly on the side of the angels, while the American sabre-rattling has been irrational and unjustified. This makes it all the more encouraging that European trade ministers, meeting yesterday in Brussels, refused to rise to the American provocation.

In an unusual display of common sense and self-restraint, the EC pointedly refrained from threatening counter-retaliation. "I understand the temptation to flex one's muscles if one is new and playing to a domestic audience, but the solution for us is not to go down that road ourselves," Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner in charge of trade negotiations, declared. For Europe to retaliate against American threats of trade sanctions would be disastrous, however provocative and irrational the threats from Washington might appear. For the first time since 1945, America's ideological commitment to free trade cannot be taken for granted. This makes completion of the Uruguay Round more urgent than ever. With every week that goes by, President Clinton is likely to submit to more protectionist pressures and the chances of reaching any kind of trade agreement will fade.

It may be too late already. The latest deadline for a Gatt deal, the expiry of the American president's negotiating mandate from Congress on March 2, has already been effectively missed, as Arthur Dunkel, director general of Gatt, said in Davos last Friday. With the special interest lobbies in Washington openly celebrating President Clinton's election, there is a serious risk that America will use the expiry of the March deadline to drag out for many more months the negotiations on the Uruguay Round. Washington could try to reopen the draft agreement painstakingly put together by Mr Dunkel and reluctantly accepted by all 108 member countries as a fair basis for a final deal. That would inevitably lead to the gradual unravelling of the Uruguay Round and would probably accelerate the world's drift towards protectionist trade blocs and tit-for-tat retaliation between Europe, America and Japan.

The best, and perhaps the only, hope for the Uruguay round would now be for President Clinton to seek a short extension of his negotiating mandate for up to three months, with no strings attached by Congress. A year's extension would be trouble. A "generous" Congressional agreement for a two-year extension, would almost certainly kill the round. The free traders within the Clinton administration are most likely to prevail and persuade the president to seek a clean three-month extension of his negotiating mandate if the trade issue is kept out of the headlines in Washington and if America is not subjected to overt pressure from outside.

Fortunately, Europe's new trade negotiators appear to recognise that name-calling across the Atlantic would now be counter-productive. Having missed the chance to clinch a Gatt deal with the less protectionist Bush Admininstration, Europe must realise that it will now have to make more concessions, not fewer, in order to maintain an orderly system of world trade. And with each month that goes by, the sacrifices demanded from European industry by Washingotn are likely to grow, rather than dominish. In this sense, the EC's measured reaction to the Clinton administration's protectionist rhetoric augurs well for European trade policy under the new leadership of Sir Leon Brittan. The tragedy is that the more constructive attitude in Brussels may have come too late. The wolf, in the guise of President Clinton, may already be at the door.

IN HARD LABOUR

The Opposition has to change its philosophy to win power

For the past decade, Labour has been the most conservative party in British politics. While the Liberal Democrats and their predecessors came up with gadfly ideas and the Tories undertook a radical reorganisation of the functions of the state, Labour did little more than argue for the status quo. Privatised industries were to be renationalised, trust hospitals abolished, opted-out schools brought back under local-authority control. The official Opposition's instinctive reaction to any institutional change was to promise to reverse it.

Labour's innate conservatism sprang from its identification with vested interests, primarily with trade unions representing the people working in the affected institutions. A shadow health secretary became little more than a spokesman for the British Medical Association or the Royal College of Nursing. The shadow transport secretary would, as a reflex, spout worries about safety, staffing or underfunding on behalf of railwaymen. Few stopped to ask themselves what patients or commuters wanted.

Some members of the shadow cabinet have since called for a fresh approach, most publicly Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and Jack Straw. Their view is that Labour can regain power only by addressing people as individuals and not as a collection of interest groups. They are right. But their ideas are slow in filtering through to Labour policy-makers and have suffered reverses.

Mr Straw, when he was shadow education secretary, finally began to express the worries of parents and children rather than teachers. Several steps back have been taken by the appointment of Ann Taylor as Mr Straw's successor. He struggled to persuade the party that opted-out schools would have to be accepted, only to find that Mrs Taylor reversed his hard-won gains. The government should be delighted. By the time of the next election thousands of schools will be grant-maintained and many more thousands of parents will be dismayed at the idea of an incoming Labour government taking away their new-found autonomy.

Yesterday Mrs Taylor wavered over whether teachers should boycott the new tests for 14-year-olds. She could have found a genuine target here; the set texts were not made known until well into the school year. But since she instinctively distrusts the whole idea of tests, her criticisms sound hollow. Another recent outburst, that more streaming amounted to selection, was equally misguided: more streaming is the best chance that the old-fashioned comprehensive school has of modernising itself without becoming a grammar school and discarding pupils of low ability.

Labour could be making gains in education. The national curriculum needs to be pared down radically to enable schools to develop genuine specialisations. The school day should be lengthened. Schools could be given special funding if they have a disproportionate number of deprived pupils. Opted-out schools could be given incentives to cater for special needs. Here is a real chance for Mrs Taylor, one that she shows no sign of seizing. John Patten, her opposite number, is a lucky man.

In other areas Labour looks better. David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, has ditched his predecessor's promises to abolish many of the health service reforms and restore "underfunding" in the NHS. Mr Blunkett said recently that the party should not have any "hang-ups" about the use of a market in health. He will preserve the trust hospitals.

Mr Blair himself, as shadow home secretary, has said crime cannot be excused simply by blaming society's ills; individuals have to take responsibility for their actions. On Monday John Prescott called for more private capital to be attracted into the rail industry. Richard Caborn, Labour chairman of the trade and industry select committee, recently resisted opposition from the National Union of Mineworkers by endorsing changes in working practices in the committee's report on coal.

But, despite the government's difficulties, Labour is still only just ahead in the polls. John Smith is heading a movement of discreet murmurs not clarion calls. The biggest danger for Labour still lies in the complacent belief that the government's incompetence will automatically hand office to the Opposition. One look at voting patterns in the last election and the boundary changes before the next shows that this cannot be so. Unless Labour reforms its internal structures, its philosophy and its policies, the British people are unlikely to trust it with power.

Mr Smith has not yet shown that he understands the full necessity for these changes. Given the natural opposition within the party for a radical overhaul, not least from the trade unions, reform can take place only if he leads it. Neil Kinnock, for all his flaws, understood this. Mr Smith seems to believe that, if only his troops will keep quiet and let him attack the prime minister in Parliament, all will be well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Government seen as tool of Brussels

From Mr M. St John Parker

Sir, I suspect that the conclusions of a newly published report from the Hansard Society for Parliamentary Government (of which I am a council member) will be profoundly disturbing to many people in the UK.

The report analyses the mechanics of EC legislation, concentrating particularly on the powers of the Council and Commission of the Community to make regulations and issue directives, remarking that the former, which can dramatically change national legislation, do not require national enactment but are automatically part of a member state's laws. The direct effect of this type of legislation is not fully appreciated even now, nearly 20 years after we joined the Community.

With regard to the latter, the report points out that

a directive may have a direct effect in certain circumstances, even though it has not even been implemented into national law.

The report's conclusion from these and similar findings is that

as far as EC legislation is concerned the government alone has the freedom to act, in conjunction with the governments of other member states, without the necessity to subject European legislation for parliamentary approval, scrutiny or consultation. In short, the executive itself, in agreement with other member states, assumes the normal constitutional function and powers of the parliament. It is the *inescapable consequence* that parliament, strictly speaking, has no role to play in the Community's legislative process, except where marginal discretion is left in the *implementation of directives*.

Fully understood, this is surely a shattering statement. Not only has the sovereignty of the United Kingdom been submerged within a greater entity — the EC — but the delicate balance of power between MPs and the executive is being significantly tilted in favour of the latter by virtue of its role as a tool of Brussels.

It seems that our elected representatives at Westminster are determined to ignore mounting evidence of their own impending redundancy.

Yours faithfully,
M. St JOHN PARKER
(Headmaster), Abingdon School,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
February 2.

Church disestablishment debated

From the Reverend Dr Colin Morris

Sir, The Archbishop of York has called for a sensible debate on disestablishment (letter, January 30). Those of us who greatly respect the Anglican Church and owe it much should try to speak the truth in love. In that spirit, a possible response to the Archbishop of York's arguments for continuing establishment might run as follows:

1. Our nation would "no longer be paying even lip service to those Christian beliefs and values on which so much of its history have been based".

Paying lip service to Christian beliefs is not an acceptable half-way house to full Christian commitment: it is one of the major stumbling blocks in the way of it.

2. Beyond the ranks of regular Anglicans "there are millions who instinctively regard the Church of England as 'our' church, and who seek its ministry . . . ".

According to the strict letter of its rules "our" church denies Christian believers and others unconfirmed by bishops access to the Lord's table, the central act of Christian worship. And the growing army of the divorced who seek its ministry in remarriage must be turned away. One respects without endorsing the C of E's integrity in imposing such restrictions but they are not easily reconciled with the claim that it is everybody's church.

3. "For the most part, members of other . . . churches . . . are not in favour of disestablishment. On the contrary . . . their leaders often see the fact of establishment as enabling the Church of England to be in the vanguard of action with them . . ."

That may be the dominant attitude in the formal ecumenical circles within which the archbishop moves, but I suspect that many more Christians looking to the Anglican Church for leadership observe a giant in chains, thrashing around trying to reconcile the irreconcilable — secular power with the ethics of the cross.

4. The problem of "reserving a number of seats in the Lords for church leaders from a broad range of denominations".

That is a problem only for those wedded to the Establishment. I believe the bishops in the House of Lords do a splendid job because they are able and dedicated Christians not because of some mystical rapport with the unchurched masses. Outstanding religious personalities can be appointed to the Upper House strictly on merit. That is assuming, of course, membership of the Upper House is an indispensable condition for the spread of true religion in our land. In any case, there are many devout laymen and laywomen in the House of Lords who will see to it that Christian and other religious voices do not go unheard.

The Archbishop of York recently argued cogently for a re-examination of the coronation oath in the light of contemporary Britain's multi-faith composition (report, January 25). I should have thought his arguments apply equally to the issue of establishment.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN MORRIS (President of the Methodist Conference, 1976-7),
Tile Cottage, 8 Houndean Rise,
Lewes, East Sussex.
February 1.

From the Reverend Tony Higton

Sir, It seems unlikely that the archbishops of Canterbury and York would be calling for revision of the coronation oath (report, February 1) without royal encouragement, perhaps even a royal initiative. In fact their call is likely to be an attempt to facilitate the royal family's multi-faith interests: it is widely believed that the Queen has rejected protests that her involvement in multi-faith worship is inconsistent with the present oath.

This is a serious matter. However, the revision of the oath could be even more serious. If it merely acknowledges the importance of other Christian denominations and the rights and freedoms of citizens of other faiths, well and good. But if the revision goes further and weakens the Sovereign's explicit commitment to uphold biblical, reformed Christianity many of us could no longer accept the royal supremacy within the Church of England.

Yours faithfully,
TONY HIGTON,
The Rectory,
Hawkwell, Hockley, Essex.
February 1.

Iran's refusal to withdraw 'fatwa'

From Ms Frances D'Souza and others

Sir, Supporters of Salman Rushdie are unsurprised and far from "dismayed" by President Rafsanjani's unhelpful stance regarding the *fatwa*. His statement (report, February 1) is clearly a response to the increasing pressure from Western governments on the government of Iran to withdraw the *fatwa* and cancel the bounty on Salman Rushdie's life.

Following meetings with Mr Rushdie and his defence committee, the German Bundestag passed an all-party resolution on December 10, 1992, which holds Iran responsible for the safety of the author; the Canadian government commited itself on December 12 to supporting a resolution at the United Nations to bring the government of Iran before the International Court of Justice, and to take further "appropriate measures" against Iran in the event of any harm coming to anyone as a result of the *fatwa*. The governments of Scandinavia and the Nordic countries have expressed support for these resolutions.

The statement which you quote from Western sources in Iran that "senior officials in the Foreign Office in London had been angered at the repercussions of Mr Rushdie's adoption of a high public profile" is completely without foundation. Indeed, Mr Rushdie's visits abroad have been endorsed by the Foreign Office and during these visits he has been received by British ambassadors on three occasions.

We regard it as vital to expose the illegality of the threat of murder by the government of one country against the citizen of another, and to focus attention on the Iranian government's consistent abuse of international human rights standards within its own country.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES D'SOUZA,
RONALD HARWOOD,
MARK Le FANU,
CAROLINE MICHEL,
PHILIP SPENDER,
ARNOLD WESKER,
International Rushdie
Defence Campaign,
90 Borough High Street, SE1.

Cost-cutting medicines

From Mr Richard Gutch

Sir, May I add to your "Focus on Pharmaceuticals" articles (January 26) a small item of information which appears to me to make a considerable difference to the arguments about the government's proposed extension of the system limiting doctors in the drugs they can prescribe?

The use of modern medicines has generated real savings in the overall costs of treatment. The additional direct costs of drugs have been more than outweighed by the reduction in costs of in-patient hospital care: for rheumatoid arthritis alone this reduction was £39 million in 1991.

It therefore seems disingenuous for government ministers to talk of the increasing burden of drug charges without mentioning the savings which these charges have indirectly produced.

Yours faithfully,
R. GUTCH
(Chief Executive),
Arthritis Care,
18 Stephenson Way, NW1.
January 26.

Clergy spouses

From Mrs Mary Underhill

Sir, We clergy wives in inner-city parishes who assist our husbands with such tasks as cleaning lavatories, polishing floors, clearing cellars, moving and repairing books, refuse-clearing from church grounds, garden weeding, and cleaning up after break-ins, as well as often working part-time to help the church finances, sincerely hope we can count on the husbands of the stalwart women clergy who take over our parishes, as they become vacant, to do likewise (the Reverend Roger Ryan's letter, January 29).

Yours faithfully,
MARY UNDERHILL,
St George's Vicarage,
327 Durham Road,
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.
January 29.

Future of BFI

From the Chairman of the British Film Institute

Sir, As the newly appointed chairman of the BFI I am writing to correct some of the misapprehensions in Geoff Brown's article, "Keep your eyes on the screen" (January 25).

It is perfectly proper and wise for the BFI to seek to re-stimulate British film production. As a practising film maker myself, I know too well the difficulties we face: when I was struggling to finance *The Last Emperor*, in 1986, the lack of domestic support for such ambitious, independent films was deafening. When the film was a success at the box office and at the Oscars, it was then hailed as a triumph for Britain.

We have the lowest level of film-making support from government of any country within the EC. There has been a "talent drain" into the American cinema. Now that a change of heart within British government is in the offing the BFI has quite rightly taken up the role of honest broker, with an eye to our future film inheritance. In this role it expends less than 1 per cent of its budget or its time.

National Film Theatre audiences have fallen recently. This is partly a side effect of recession. But it is also an ironic tribute to the success of the institute in galvanising film culture over the years. London and the regions now boast a real diversity of repertory cinema, and in the shape of Channel 4 Britain can be proud of one of the most "filmic" broadcasters in Europe.

Both compete with the NFT. But neither would exist without the film literacy, the archival work and the programming skills which the BFI has nurtured over 30 years.

On the cultural front, our world of "moving pictures" is growing exponentially in volume, and this requires us to make hard choices about priorities. On the financial and administrative front the institute has this year seen its grant frozen and the short-term consequence is inevitably painful and demoralising.

The two issues should not be confused: the cost of our new MA course places is 75 per cent financed by non-BFI funding and there is simply no question, as your article implies, of film conservation being sacrificed on its behalf.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY THOMAS,
Chairman, British Film Institute,
21 Stephen Street, W1.
January 29.

Labour and Clinton

From Mrs A. M. Stewart-Wallace

Sir, The Labour party's interest in "Clintonisation" illustrates the deep misunderstanding of the British temperament which seems to afflict those who rely too heavily on PR men and their advice.

The British are reserved, understated and have a wry, self-denigrating sense of humour. Razzmatazz and glitz are counterproductive, as was shown by the Sheffield rally, whereas John Major and his soap box struck a chord of sympathy and understanding in the British psyche.

Yours etc,
MARY STEWART-WALLACE,
The Moot House,
Ditchling, Sussex.

Hazard sign

From Mr Andy Polakowski

Sir, I am intrigued and puzzled by the recent suggestion that newly qualified drivers should display a "P" (probation) plate (report, later editions, January 26).

I see no reason to abandon the current arrangement, whereby the immature driver displays a furry animal in a rear window and a dangling toy from the rear-view mirror, as it is universally recognised, privately funded and adopted with pride by the participants.

Yours faithfully,
ANDY POLAKOWSKI,
77 Ffordd Pentre,
Mold, Clwyd.
January 26.

Oxbridge admissions

From Mr M. Dutchman-Smith

Sir, I had not appreciated that my (state school-educated) daughter's hard-won place at Oxford had been achieved ("Storming the ivory towers of privilege", Modern Times, January 28) as a result of bias against public schools and/or her "streetwise . . . improvisational self expression" — whatever that may be.

In fact it was achieved as a result of intelligence, ability and hard work. Having competed in the entrance examination she presented herself for interview in the knowledge that her place had still to be earned and not in the naive belief that it was hers as of right merely by virtue of the school she had attended or the obtaining of straight "As" in the GCSE examinations.

Yours faithfully,
M. DUTCHMAN-SMITH,
1 Fell Croft, Penrith, Cumbria.

From Mr J. Chalmers Park

Sir, Many independent schools already operate a policy of admitting pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, so that when in time such pupils apply for Oxford or Cambridge they will now suffer the same discrimination as those white middle-class pupils the admissions tutors regard it as their mission to reduce.

Those with a black or brown face will be able to present it at the interview, but how will those with white faces be able to carry their underprivileged backgrounds on their sleeves?

Worse still, how will even those with black faces make the fact known if the universities rely purely on A-level grades? Should examination scripts carry a code for race, another for social background and yet another for economic status?

Perhaps we should set up a Ministry of Grading in which every individual can be graded by colour, social and economic background, with regional bureaux and a team of inspectors, so that every person gets into the politically correct pigeon-hole.

What is so special about Oxford and Cambridge anyway? If we are really supposed to have a classless society, should not equal attention be paid to the admission policies of all universities, including the polytechnics which have recently been upgraded to university status?

Yours faithfully,
J. CHALMERS PARK,
Rivelin, Hillside Road,
Pinner Hill, Middlesex.
January 28.

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Leave moa in peace

From Mr Grahame C. C. Meikle

Sir, Mr Alasdair Aston (letter, January 26) need not fear for the safety and well-being of the moa alleged to have been sighted in the Arthur's Pass National Park in New Zealand.

Any species that has been able to stay undetected and survive for 500 years would seem to have a reasonable chance of staying in that happy state for some time to come.

The species that Mr Aston should be worried about is *Homo sapiens*, members of which will presumably be chasing off into the bush, in all directions, hoping to sight this elusive bird. In the course of their quest they will produce the usual crop of injuries, that will result in the need to call on the services of the local search and rescue organisation. Any costs incurred from these missions of mercy will no doubt be paid for by the taxpayer.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAME C. C. MEIKLE,
1a Arundel Road, Cheam, Surrey.

Called to account

From Mr John B. Harris

Sir, John Hoare (letter, January 27) reflects a belief widely held amongst promising young graduates in the 1970s that three years' chartered accountancy articles were as good as going to business school.

This has been a major contributor to the parlous state of our national economy today.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN B. HARRIS,
31 Princedale Road, W11.

All dressed up

From Mrs Annemarie Halstead

Sir, As a devotee of *The Times* and the mother of three young children, I decided to buy several of the items featured in your article on dressing for motherhood (Weekend, January 23) and rushed out to the shops with enthusiasm. Unfortunately, I am having some problems with my new wardrobe.

Scarcely were my legs under the breakfast table when my two-year-old splattered a spoonful of cereal on my new cream cashmere leggings (£127). Just as well I bought a spare pair of taupe ones (£99), I thought, and I quickly changed. I was disappointed, however, to discover then a milky patch on the shoulder of my new red cardigan (£170) but I quickly covered it up with my cream mackintosh (£295).

But imagine my horror when I realised that my four-year-old had surreptitiously wiped his nose on my lovely new coffee spotted silk scarf (£69).

Yours sincerely,
ANNEMARIE HALSTEAD,
3 Dunkery Road, Mottingham, SE9.
January 25.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 2: The Princess Royal this morning opened the Horserace Betting Board's fifth Quinquennial Veterinary Conference at the Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, and was received by the Chairman of the Levy Board (Sir John Sparrow). Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, International Equestrian Federation, this afternoon held a meeting of the Executive Board at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, Royal Bencher, the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this evening attended a Mixed Dining Night at the Inner Temple, London EC4, and was received by the Treasurer (the Rt Hon Sir John May).

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 2: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Aged, this morning visited the Refugee Support Centre Elderly Project, King George's House, Young Men's Christian Association, Stockwell Road, Stockwell, London SW9.

Captain Edward Musto, RM, was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr G.A. Allan, headmaster, Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, 57; Sir Anthony Aliment, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 71; Miss Gillian Ayres, painter, 63; Mr Val Doonican, singer, 64; Viscount Dunluce, 58; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, 68; the Earl of Hardwicke, 22; Sir Edgar Keatinge, former MP and company director, 88; Mr James A. Michener, author, 86; Baroness O'Cathain, 55; Miss Elaine Padmore, opera singer and director, 46; Brigadier the Hon Dame Mary Pihl, former director, WRAC, 77; Lord Sherfield, 89; Mr Glen Tetley, choreographer, 67; Mr Frankie Vaughan, singer, 65.

Horners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Horners' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Jeremy Spofforth; Upper Warden, Dr Eric Hunt; Renter Warden, Mr John Webb; Deputy Master, Mr Harry Kleeman.

Reception

Leonard Cheshire Foundation International

Sir Cranley Onslow, MP, was host at a reception held last night at the House of Commons when Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, launched the Leonard Cheshire Foundation International video training programmes, co-funded by the Overseas Development Administration.

Queen Alexandra of Yugoslavia

The funeral service of Queen Alexandra of Yugoslavia will take place at the St Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 89 Lancaster Road, London, W11, at 7pm on Thursday, February 4, 1993.

Her remains will be transferred to Greece for further rites. The interment will be in the cemetery of the Royal Palace of Tatoi on Sunday, February 7.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Unicef, 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3NB.

Géraud, marquis de Miramon

A Memorial Mass for Géraud, marquis de Miramon, will be held at Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place, WC2, on Tuesday, February 16, at 12.15pm.

Christening

The baptism of Thomas Roper Fraser, son of Benjie and the Hon Lucy Fraser took place at St Mary's, Eskadale, Inverness-shire, on Saturday, January 30. Father Desmond MacGinty officiated. The godparents are the Hon Mrs Simon Fraser, Mrs Detmar Blow, the Hon Mrs David Roper-Curzon, the Hon Mrs Peregrine Moncreiffe, the Earl of Dundee, the Hon Michael Roper-Curzon (for whom Lord Teynham stood proxy), the Hon Kevin Pakenham, Mr Edward Fitzgerald, Mr Ludovic Lindsay. Those present included Lord and Lady Teynham, Lady Antonia Fraser Pinter and Lady Lovat.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will attend a meeting to discuss the initiatives of the Blackburn Partnership at Bangor Street Community Centre, Brookhouse, Blackburn, at 11.20; will meet community leaders, tenants and representatives of the Groundwork Trust and the Prince's Trust Volunteers at the Centurion public house, Roman Road Estate, at 11.55; will attend a meeting on the role of business in environmental regeneration with the Blackburn Groundwork Trust and the Business Environment Association at the Roman Road Community Centre at 12.55; and, as President of the Prince's Youth Business Trust, will meet businesses assisted by that organisation and their advisers and other local groups at King George's Hall at 1.30.

Prince Edward will attend the Faraday lecture followed by dinner at the Barbican at 5.30.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, will open the new premises at Tooke House, 20 Bull Plain, Hertford, at 10.00; as Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will open Jenny Chapman House, 167 Shephall View, Stevenage, at 11.00; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the shop at 16 Church Yard, Hitchin, at 11.45. Later, as President of Patrons of Crime Concern, she will attend a presentation of Effective Youth Crime Prevention Programmes at the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Halkin Street, at 6.00.

Princess Margaret will attend a gala performance of *The Kingfisher* at the Redgrave Theatre, Farnham, at 7.45 in aid of the Save the Redgrave appeal.

Princess Alexandra will visit the new Hornsey Centre for cerebral palsied children at Dukes Avenue, Muswell Hill, at 2.15.



PETER TREVOR

Flight of fancy: Katherine Higgins of Christie's examines a 100-year-old pop-up Valentine card that is among over 1,000 Victorian Valentines to be auctioned in London next Tuesday. Across the wings are emblazoned the words "On Wings of Love, I fly to thee"

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Felix Mendelssohn, composer, Hamburg, 1809; Elisha Kane, physician and Arctic explorer, Philadelphia, 1820; Elizabeth Blackwell, physician and co-founder of the London School of Medicine for Women, Bristol, 1821; Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, prime minister 1885-86, 1886-92 and 1895-1902, Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, 1830; Hugh Sidney Lanier, poet and musician, Macon, Georgia, 1842; Hugh Montague Trenchard, Marshal of the RAF, Commissioner of the Metropolitan police 1931-35, Taunton, 1873; Gertrude Stein, novelist and critic, Alleghany, Pennsylvania, 1874; Alvar Aalto, architect and designer, Kuortane, Finland, 1898; Luigi Dallapiccola, composer, Pisino, Austria, 1904.

DEATHS: Germain Pilon, sculptor, Paris, 1590; Richard (Beau) Nash, master of ceremonies at Bath, Bath, 1761; George Crabbe, poet, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, 1832; Sir Henry Maine, jurist and historian, Cannes, 1888; Sir Morell Mackenzie, physician, London, 1892; Edward Pickering, astronomer, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1919; Woodrow Wilson, 28th American President 1913-21, Nobel Peace laureate 1920, Washington, 1924; Oliver Heaviside, physicist, London, 1925; Boris Karloff, actor, Midhurst, West Sussex, 1969.

Harold Macmillan made his historic "The wind of change is blowing through this continent" speech to the South African parliament, Cape Town, 1960.

Appointment

Mr Anthony Sampson to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals.

Archaeology

Egypt seeks aid over historic sites under threat from canal

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE Egyptian government has launched an international appeal for help in excavating more than 40 archaeological sites in northern Sinai. The sites are threatened by the Peace Canal, a big irrigation project, and by the associated agricultural and urban developments.

Among the sites, the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation (EAO) said, are a pharaonic fortified town at Tell Hebua, dating to the Hyksos and New Kingdom periods and with occupation continuing through Persian times and the Roman Empire to the Byzantine age.

The city of ancient Pelusium includes a temple, church, amphitheatre, fort and baths in its remains, which date from the Greek to the Islamic periods.

Egypt is seeking joint ventures for several of the sites, and allowing foreign teams to mount independent expeditions to others. "The greatest danger and most urgent schedule involves the sites in the area bordered by the Mediterranean, the Suez Canal, and the old Pelusiac branch of the Nile," the organisation said. Pelusium lies at the eastern end of this triangle, which also includes the Classical settlement at Tell el-Fadda where the EAO is already at work, and the Roman fort at Tell el-Louli where it is seeking a joint venture.

Individual experts in fields including burial, ceramics, architecture and Bronze Age metallurgy are also being sought.

This western "Tinah" sector of the huge Peace Canal project will be crossed by three big canals draining into the Suez Canal, and by numerous smaller channels at right angles to them, one of which will destroy the Tell el-Fadda site. The five phases of the archaeological salvage operation, which will last until the end of 1995, match the progression of the development plan.

Some sites are also threatened by the widening of the Suez Canal along its eastern shore; many are also likely to have been damaged by Israel's construction of its Bar-Lev line fortifications between 1967 and the Yom Kippur war in 1973.

Israel has recently agreed to return archaeological material taken from the Sinai region during its occupation. Excavations were carried out until 1982 in an area which Professor Eliezer Oren of Ben-Gurion University says was "terra incognita".

He identified 1,300 ancient sites, some of them dating to the Middle Palaeolithic 100,000 years ago, others from the Nabataean, Roman and Islamic periods.

The research has yielded "a clear picture of the close economic and cultural contacts between the peoples of Egypt and what is now Israel", Professor Oren said.

Study of the finds is progressing, but the Israelis want another two years to complete their work before returning the material to the EAO. Whether it will be published in Israel, or jointly with the Egyptians, remains to be decided.

Latest wills

Mr James Herbert Marshall of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £3,261,168 net. He left his estate mostly to his two nephews and a niece.

Luncheon

German Chamber of Industry and Commerce

The German Ambassador was among the guests at a luncheon given yesterday at the Langham Hilton in London by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in the United Kingdom.

Lord Walker of Worcester was the guest of honour and speaker and Mr Jürgen Gehrels, chairman, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.H.D. Carrick and Miss A.C. Sayers

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Michael and the late Mrs Anne Carrick, of Bolam, Northumberland, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Arnold Sayers, of Holbeton, south Devon.

Mr E.D. Daniels and Miss L.J. Stephens

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Glyn Daniels, of Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Stephens, of Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Captain E.D.J. Goodchild and Miss J.M. Scherer

The engagement is announced between Edward Goodchild, the Life Guards, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Goodchild, of Peaslake, Surrey, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Scherer, of Kensington, London.

Mr P.J. Hill and Señorita A. Redondo Usanos

The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Hill, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, and Ana, younger daughter of Señor and Señora de Redondo, of Madrid.

Mr E.J.L. Larkins and Miss H. Platt

The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of Commander and Mrs John Larkins, of Liphook, Hampshire, and Hayley, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F.M. Platt, of Altrincham, Cheshire.

Mr H.J. Macdonald-Buchanan and Lady Rose FitzRoy

The engagement is announced between Hugh, eldest son of Mr A.J. Macdonald-Buchanan and Mrs E. Macdonald-Buchanan, and Rose, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Grafton.

Mr S.R. Porter and Miss C.A.C. Moogan

The engagement is announced between Stuart, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. Porter, of Sonning, Berkshire, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Moogan, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr P.D. Reedman and Miss A.E. Whitbread

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Dr and Mrs Antony Reedman, of Charleston House, Nottingham, and Manda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Whitbread, of The Old Vicarage, Bickington, Devon.

Church news

Clergy appointments

The Rev Colin Paterson, Assistant Curate, Hanghton-le-Skerne: to be Adult Education Adviser (Durham).

The Rev John Poims, Vicar, Sedgley-Hurst Hill St Mary: to be Vicar, Wednesbury St Paul w. St Luke (Lichfield).

The Rev Malcolm Pritchard, Assistant Curate, Peckham, St Mary Magdalene (Southwark): to be Vicar, Luton, St Matthew (St Albans).

The Rev Ian Randall, Vicar, St Peter's, Didcot: to be Priest-in-charge, St Andrew, Clewer (Oxford).

The Rev Michael Rawson, Assistant Curate, Brighouse Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Gomersal St Mary (Wakefield).

The Rev David Smith, Assistant Curate, St Brooke and Egloshayle: to be Vicar, Penwerris (Truro).

The Rev Tim Spence, Vicar, Shap w Swindale: to be Priest-in-charge, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh and of Bowness on Solway (Carlisle).

The Rev John Thomson, Priest and Lecturer, St Paul's College, Grahamstown, South Africa: to be Vicar, St Mary's, Wheatley, Doncaster (Sheffield).

The Rev Peter Twisleton, Rector, St Breoke and Egloshayle: to be Rector, Bude Haven and Marhamchurch (Truro).

The Rev Richard Wakerell, Resident Minister, Kingswinford (Wall Heath): to be Vicar, Richerscote St Peter (Lichfield).

The Rev Ian Wilson, Assistant Curate, Whitton w Thurleston and Akenham: to be Priest-in-charge, Elmsett, Aldham and Kersey (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Eric Woods, Rector, Wroughton and Rural Dean of Wroughton (Bristol): to be Vicar, Sherborne w. Castleton and Lillington (Salisbury).

Resignations and Retirements

The Rev Canon Anthony Caesar, Chaplain, Winchester, St Cross Hospital w St Faith (Winchester): to retire as from April 30.

The Rev Anthony Richards, Vicar, Clacton, St Paul (Chelmsford): to retire as from April 30.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Monmouth

The Ven Keith Arthur Edwin Tyte, Archdeacon of Monmouth and Rector of the Rectorial Benefice of Llanmartin, to be Archdeacon of Newport.

Linnean Society

The Linnean Society of London has made the following awards:

The Linnean Medal for services to botany: Dr Barbara Pickersgill, Reading University.

The Linnean Medal for services to zoology: Professor Lincoln Pierson Brower, Florida University.

The HH Bloomer Award: David C McClintock.

The Bicentenary Medal for a biologist under 40: Dr Andrew Smith, Natural History Museum.

The Jill Smythies Prize: Caroline Bates, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

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BIRTHS

BEAUCHAMP - On January 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Rennie and Weldon, a beautiful daughter, Margot Reine, 7lbs 6oz.

BOLLAG - On January 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Sylvie (née Kremer) and Bernard, a sweet daughter, Sophie Joy, a sister for Daniel.

COLE - On January 31st, to Cheryl and Andrew, a son, Oliver Andrew Donoghue.

LESTER - Jill (née Brachi) and Gordon are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Alison Judith on Tuesday 2nd February 1993, at RUH, Bath. A little sister for Rebecca.

LEWIS - On January 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra and Kevin, a daughter, Olivia, a sister and friend for Emily.

MARPLES - On January 24th in Madrid, to Joanne (née Sales) and Paul, a son, Matthew James Francisco.

OGDEN - On January 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa (née Miles) and Andrew, a son, Alistair David, a brother for James.

SOPWITH - On January 18th, to Jacqueline (née Chope) and Thomas, a son, George Edward Charles.

THOMSON - On January 25rd, to Kathy (née Whitwell) and Kevin, a daughter, Eleanor Kate, a sister for Callum and Marc.

VERMES - On 27th January at The Portland Hospital, to Mafianne (née Hunt) et Jean-Philippe, a daughter, Marguerite, a sister for Philippine.

WILKINSON - On January 29th, to Jaine (née Ferreira) and Tony, a daughter, Evangeline Avril Victoria, a sister for James.

MARRIAGES

WILLIAMS:COBBOLD - The marriage took place in Bristol on Friday 22nd January, between David Thomas Williams, son of Kenneth and Barbara Williams and Charlotte Ruth Cobbold, daughter of the late Ralph Hamilton Cobbold and Lady Peyton.

DEATHS

BELL - Angela Mary Ellis, aged 74, on Sunday 31st January at Dormy House, Sunningdale. Service at Woking Crematorium on Saturday 6th February at 10.30 am. Angela requested that family and friends buy flowers not to send but to enjoy themselves. Donations to the Goat Society received by C.H. Lovegrove of 4/5 Town Square, Bracknell, Berkshire.

BRITT - Margaret Irene aged 68, on January 30th at University College Hospital, London, after a short illness. Thanksgiving Service at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, February 5th at 3pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired to the Shaftesbury Housing Association, 2A Amity Grove, Raynes Park, London SW20 0LJ.

BURBURY - On 2nd February 1993, Doctor Dermot Roland Wister of East Haddon, Northamptonshire, aged 88, dearly loved husband of Ande and much loved father of Ann, Sue, Tim and grandfather to all the children. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, East Haddon, on Friday 5th February at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to St Mary's Restoration Fund.

CHANDLER - On January 28th, Eileen, aged 88, Portrait painter, Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. A friend to many. Service at Putney Vale Cemetery, West Chapel, at 12.45 pm on Wednesday February 10th.

COX - On 31st January, peacefully at her home in Welton, Northants, Jean Cox, MBE (former leader of Daventry District Council) wife of the late Edwin, mother of James, Tony and Nicky, grandmother of Robert and Theresa. Cremation private. Memorial Service will be held at St Martin's Church, Welton, at 12 noon on Monday 8th February. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, in aid of Cancer Research may be sent to John Ward & Son, Funeral Directors, Church Lane, Bugbrooke, Northampton. tel: (0604) 830438.

de VERE - On 1st February 1993 peacefully at The Manor House Nursing Home, Lelant, Cornwall, Alison Frances aged 98 years. Beloved mother of Alison and Anthony and dearly loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Crematorium, Truro, on Friday 5th February at 10.20 am. Flowers to Alfred Smith & Son, Funeral Directors, Penzance.

DEY - On Sunday January 31st, peacefully after a long illness, Phyllis, formerly of Copmanroyd Sharow, Yorkshire, widow of Bill and loving mother of Pauline and Philip. Funeral Service at Perchester Crematorium on Monday February 8th at 3pm. Flowers or donations if desired to The Heart Lung Stroke Foundation. All enquiries to Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd., tel: (0730) 262711.

FRASER - On Friday January 29th, peacefully in hospital, Barbara Catherine (née Slater), aged 82 years. A dearly loved mother and grandmother. All enquiries to James Peddle Ltd. tel: (0925) 772013.

GRAYSON - Mary, 1903-1993, On 1st February peacefully after a long illness at the Brighton and Hove Jewish Home for the Aged in her 90th year. Much loved mother of Edward, grandmother of Harry, mother-in-law of Wendy, and aunt of Zena Moreen. A great and gallant fighter, who always played the game. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11, at 4.15 pm on Monday 8th February.

HADLEY - Suddenly on 1st February, Cyril Victor (John), beloved husband of Biddy, father of Katharine, grandfather of Thomas, Hugh and Angelica. Funeral Tuesday 9th February at St Mary's Church, Godmanchester, at 3 pm.

HARRIS - Peacefully on January 31st 1993 at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, Norman Davidson, aged 90, of Balintombuie, Glen Moriston and formerly of Calcutta. Hazlemere, retired Chairman of ICI India and a past Chairman of the Oriental Club, Beloved husband of the late Josephine, dearest father of Anthony and Grant, much loved father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral at Cardross Crematorium on Friday February 5th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Moulin, Pitlochry, Perthshire, at his express wish.

KINSELLA - Peacefully on February 1st 1993, Dr John of Derby, former Consultant Radiotherapist, Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. Funeral 9am Friday February 5th at St Joseph's Church, Burton Road, Derby. Donations to The Radiotherapy Trust Fund, Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

LAWTON - On 26th January 1993, suddenly on holiday, Peter John aged 64 years, of Combs, the husband of Carolyn, father of Stephen, Virginia and Juliette, grandfather of Benjamin and Jennifer and brother of Bernard. Service on Friday 5th February at Macclesfield Crematorium at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Macclesfield Scanner Appeal. All donations and enquiries to Jeremy Unsworth Funeral Service, 67 Church Road, New Mills, tel: (0663) 742772.

MacKENZIE - Kathleen, on February 1st 1993, in hospital in Plymouth. Requiem Funeral at North Hill Church at 2 pm on Monday 8th February. Family flowers only.

MONKHOUSE - Edith Mary, Pharmacist, late of West Ealing, London, on 1st February at Budleigh Salterton, passed away peacefully. Sadly missed by all her family and friends both young and old. Family flowers only or donations to Hospice Care. Funeral at Exeter Crematorium on Friday 5th February at 3.15pm.

MARTIN - On February 1st 1993, at home, after a most gallant fight against cancer, Jean Yvonne, aged 70, adored wife of Lance, beloved mother of Vicky, Torill and Dru and wonderful grandmother, or (Garg), to Jamie, Ellie, Robin, Zanna, Hattie and Rosie. Also much loved mother-in-law, sister and aunt. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Churston Ferrers, on Friday 5th February 1993 at 3 pm. Family burial at Cookham. Flowers or donations to Rowcroft Hospice, to T & I Stockman, Holwell Road, Brixham, Devon TQ5 9NE - 0803 882386.

POUND - On January 31st, peacefully at home, Leonard in his 87th year, formerly of Ceylon. Much loved husband of Pamela, father of Henry and Susan and adored grandfather. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Hospice at Home. Enquiries to W. Hodges & Co. tel: (0732) 454457.

ROGERS - On February 1st 1993, Colonel Hugh Cuthbert Basset Rogers O.B.E., aged 87, in The Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, after a long illness borne with great dignity. Beloved father of Sheila Bird and of Hugh (Narbal), grandfather and great-grandfather; military historian, railway historian and author. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Holy Ghost, New Wokingham Road, Crowthorne, Berks, at 2pm on Friday 5th February. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Battle Hospital, Reading. Enquiries to The House of Grace, Crowthorne, (0344) 773741.

SHANKLEMAN - Audrey on Saturday 30th January, after a courageous battle against cancer. Much loved by Lucy, Martin, Jill and their families. Funeral Service at Charlton Cemetery on Friday 5th February at 10am. Family flowers only, donations to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.

SILSOE - On 30th January 1993, peacefully at Nobles Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man, Lady Margaret Elizabeth (Maisie), Widow of Lord Silsoe G.B.E., M.C., T.D., Q.C. Stepmother of David and Peter. Cremation takes place at Douglas Borough Crematorium, I.O.M., at 11 am on Friday 12th February 1993. Enquiries and flowers please should be addressed to Eric Faragher Ltd., Main Road, Onchan, I.O.M. Interment of cremated remains will take place at a time and place to be advised.

SMART - On 25th January, peacefully in hospital after a long illness stoically borne, Richard, Principal of Milestone College, London. Greatly missed by his mother, Vera, his widow Margaret, and his many friends and colleagues. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, 18th February, at the Church of St Mary at Hill, Lovat Lane, off Eastcheap, EC3. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

TWIL - Ahmed, peacefully in his sleep on 10th January 1993, formerly of the British Embassy in Tripoli, Libya (1955-1984) and of Burgess Hill, West Sussex, beloved of Renate and Akram, Isam, Yasmin and Rami.

WARSTALL - Peter James, of Thrandeston. Funeral Service at St Margaret's, Thrandeston, on Monday February 8th at 11 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for The Suffolk Wildlife Trust may be sent c/o Backhouse Funeral Service, Stanley Road, Diss, Norfolk.

YEEND - On January 28th, at The Vicarage, West Molesey, Margaret Charlotte Yeend S.R.N., S.C.M., (née Geddes) in her 75th year. Dearly beloved wife of the Rev. W.A.J. Yeend and much loved mother of Richard and Michael. Requiem Mass Monday February 8th at 7.45pm. Funeral Service Tuesday February 9th at 11am, both at St Peter's Church. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Peter's Church Fund, West Molesey, Surrey.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

STEPHENSON - Donald, C.B.E. A Memorial Service will be held at St Peter's Church, Limpsfield, Surrey on Friday, March 19th at 2.30 pm. All friends welcome.

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OBITUARIES

SIR MICHAEL BLUNDELL

Sir Michael Blundell, KBE, Kenyan farmer, pre-independence minister of agriculture and leader of the New Kenya Group, 1959-63, died on February 1 aged 85. He was born in England on April 7, 1907.



CRIES of "Judas", were shouted at Michael Blundell by one group of bitter white settlers when he returned to Nairobi in February 1960, from a conference in London to draft plans for Kenya's independence, and thirty pieces of silver were thrown contemptuously at his feet. On another occasion diehard white settlers pelted him with eggs and tomatoes amid cries of "traitor" and "scuttler".

The bitterness of such receptions indicate the depth of resentment felt at the time by some of Kenya's more reactionary whites at the prospect of African majority rule and Blundell's role in bringing it about. He played a leading part in Kenya's transition from colony to self-government between 1946 and 1962 and it was largely due to his imaginative, resilient and courageous leadership that a substantial portion of the European farming and business community was persuaded to come to terms with African nationalism early and amicably enough to enable them to continue to live in Kenya and contribute to its economic development after it became independent.

Blundell's decision and that of his New Kenya Group, in spite of their reservations, to agree to cooperate in Iain Macleod's constitutional arrangements in 1960 was an act of vision which required a great deal of courage. Having started out believing that a multi-racial political system might be possible, Blundell had eventually come to accept, by the time of his retirement from the political fray in 1962, that Kenya would become an African state and that there would be no place for a separate community of European farmers.

Following years in which successive British governments had encouraged white settlers to emigrate to Kenya, he was one of the first who recognised and accepted that it would no longer be a "European" country. His reaction was not to desert or seek racial sanctuary in Rhodesia or South Africa, but to bend his energies and talents to helping build the new Kenyan society. For many of the Europeans in Kenya, the first shock of realisation of what had happened was proof that Blundell had betrayed them. His family suffered ostracism and obloquy. Yet a few years after independence, there could not be many people who failed to recognise that Blundell's response to the changed situation had been realistic and right. He tried later, without much noticeable success, to persuade the white population of Rhodesia to follow the example of the white settlers in Kenya.

Michael Blundell was the third son of a well-known London lawyer. He was educated at Wellington and seemed destined for Oxford and the Bar. At the age of 18, however, he chose instead what was in 1925 the considerably more adventurous and less predictable life of a Kenya farmer on £7 a month plus board and lodging. His surprised father gave him £100 and a shotgun.

The war in East Africa and South East Asia provided him with opportunities and experiences which he used with striking success. He served throughout the Abyssinian campaign and later in South-East Asia, rising from infantry sergeant to full colonel of the Royal Engineers. He emerged from the forces in 1946 with a considerable reputation for effective and sympathetic leadership, and the beginnings of a genuine understanding of African grievances and aspirations.

With his war gratuities he bought himself a 1,250 acre farm in the Subukia Hills. He pursued wide farming interests including the growing of asparagus, becoming the largest producer in East Africa.

His great love of Kenya and his awareness of the very difficult problems that lay ahead for all races led him to enter politics two years later. He entered the Kenyan Legislative Council as a member for Rift Valley which he represented for ten years and with such success that he was chosen as leader of the European elected members in 1952.

Blundell was a tall, burly man with an engaging sense of humour. Always an ebullient and persuasive talker, he slowly and painfully became an excellent speaker in debate and at public meetings. Initially he reflected average settler opinions: the maintenance of white leadership; resentment of the Colonial Office and the need to preserve the sanctity of the White Highlands.

But the Mau Mau emergency in which Blundell played a distinguished part as a member of the emergency war council, greatly influenced his thinking and led him to a clear conviction that the pace of political and economic change in Kenya had to be accelerated. With several colleagues he attempted to move forward towards inter-racial politics and the removal of the colour bar. When in 1954 1,500 settlers marched threateningly on Government House after the murder of a settler family, it was Blundell who confronted them and calmed them down. He was made minister of agriculture in 1955, a post which, apart from a brief interregnum in 1959-61, he held until his retirement from politics in 1962.

It was as minister of agriculture that Michael Blundell was at his best, and contributed most of lasting value to the calling and the country to which he was so strongly drawn. His own practical knowledge of mixed farming, and his ability to get the best out of his staff of agricultural and veterinary officers, had an impact on customary concepts of land tenure and the use of management of land which revitalised farming in Kenya at a crucial stage.

In 1959 he resigned his agriculture portfolio to assume the leadership of a moderate multi-racial group of elected members of the legislature committed to the acceptance of African majority rule. As architect and leader of the multi-racial New Kenya Group from 1959 to 1963 Blundell had to call on all his resources of strength of character, courage and good humour to cope with the pressures and protestations of his own constituents on the one hand, and of the emerging African nationalists and of successive British governments of both parties on the other.

After the Lancaster House conference in 1962, Blundell retired from active politics and was honoured with a knighthood. He returned to his beautiful farm and house at Sebukia in the highlands near Nakuru and concentrated on improving his stock and his crops and the living conditions of his African employees. Here, too, he was able to indulge his lifelong love of music and singing, and to nurture and extend his collection of 18th century English porcelain. He was a director of several East African business enterprises. His autobiography, *So Rough a Wind*, was published in 1964.

He married Geraldine Roberts in 1946, who died in 1983. He is survived by their daughter.

BERNARD BRADEN

Bernard Braden, Canadian-born actor and broadcaster, died yesterday aged 76. He was born in Vancouver on May 16, 1916.



LISTING his occupations in *Who's Who* as "freelance performer and dabbler", Bernard Braden for many years successfully combined several careers, including West End actor, radio comedian and television personality, and brought to them all a friendly personality, warm voice and relaxed style.

He will be best remembered for pioneering a new type of television progamme which mixed light-hearted comments on the week's events with consumer items poking fun at bureaucracy and exposing injustices and frauds. He introduced the formula on the ITV series, *On the Braden Beat*, and later took it to the BBC as *Braden's Week* where it launched the television career of Esther Rantzen, who started on the show as a researcher. She used similar ingredients for her own immensely successful and long-running series, *That's Life*.

By contrast, Braden's own career languished. From being one of the best-known faces on television he virtually disappeared from view. There were attempts at a comeback on radio, television and the odd excursion on the stage. But none of these in any sense re-established his career. He and his glamorous Canadian wife, Barbara Kelly — herself one of the most popular personalities on British television in her day — were left, in their later years, to experience the painful neglect of those audiences (and television executives) who had once idolised them.

The son of a clergyman father and a mother who sang and taught music, Braden grew up in Vancouver. He trained as a singer, making his mark as a boy soprano and later as a baritone. He successfully auditioned for the Metropolitan Opera in New York but hopes of a singing career were dashed by a long spell of tuberculosis and the realisation that he was not quite good enough.

When he recovered from the illness, he went into radio. He started as an engineer and announcer. Later he wrote and performed plays.

He first came to Britain in 1947, to make a series of radio documentaries for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and write a book about the British people. He returned in 1949 and stayed for good.

Though he had never acted on the stage, he soon secured the part of Mitch in Laurence Olivier's West End production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*. He appeared in several other West End plays during the 1950s and 1960s, usually in comedy roles, as well as a sprinkling of films. In 1950 he launched his own comedy series, *Breakfast with Braden*, on BBC radio. It went out on Saturday mornings, with Pearl Carr, Benny Lee and Nat Temple. The writers included Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

The sequel, *Bedtime with Braden*, featured the same cast as well as Braden's wife, Barbara Kelly, who went on to a successful broadcasting career of her own. Slick and irreverent, the shows made a distinctive contribution to a rich period of radio comedy. By now Braden was emerging as a versatile all-round broadcaster. He was in the radio commentary team for the 1953 Coronation, while on television he presented the first schools broadcast, a documentary on Canada, and was chairman of *The Brains Trust*.

His surprise appointment to chair *The Brains Trust* in 1957 led to the resignation of the programme's best-known panellist, Dr Jacob Bronowski, who said that Braden would attract the wrong kind of audience for a serious discussion. *On the Braden Beat* (which ran for six years during the 1960s) and *Braden's Week* (which enjoyed a four-year run) confirmed their host and creator as one of Britain's most polished television performers. But when *Braden's Week* ended in 1972 he found that he was no longer in demand.

The next few years were ones of virtual obscurity for him. In 1976 he tried to make a comeback with a quiz programme, *The Sweepstake Game*, but it was dropped after only 13 episodes. Plans for a new late-night show for Thames Television failed to progress beyond the pilot. Amid these disappointments, Braden turned his energies to his company, Adanac (his native Canada spelt backwards) Productions, which ran courses for company executives in public speaking and television technique.

Eventually he returned to radio, presenting *Feedback*, the listeners' letters programme, and in 1986 he was seen on the West End stage in Shaw's *The Apple Cart* with Peter O'Toole. In the following year he was at last back on television, presenting Granada TV's series about the events of 25 years ago, *All Our Yesterdays*. But other performers had established the programme and his participation never became a more than marginal affair.

Braden married Barbara Kelly in 1942. They had a son, Christopher, a television director, and two daughters, Kelly and Kim. As a child actress, Kim played the lead in a television production of *Anne of Green Gables*.

PROFESSOR GEOFF BROWN

Geoff Brown, Professor of Earth Sciences at the Open University and pioneer of gravimetric measurements for predicting volcanic eruptions, died in the crater of the Colombian volcano Galeras on January 14 aged 47. He was born on March 11, 1945.

GEOFF Brown died while putting to the test his own technique for measuring the mood of a volcano. Together with other specialists he was visiting Galeras, the most active volcano in Colombia, to help establish a monitoring programme designed to provide early warning of eruptions to people living in the nearby town of Pasto.

When the volcano erupted, Brown was inside the crater, and stood little chance. At least eight others were also killed in the eruption, perhaps triggered by recent heavy rainfall. No more eloquent example could be provided of the erratic and unpredictable nature of volcanoes, and of the need for the methods Brown was helping to develop.

Geoffrey Charles Brown gained his BSc and PhD degrees from Manchester University in 1966 and 1970, specialising in the behaviour of molten granites. In 1971 he went to Liverpool University, and his connection with the Open University began in 1973 when he started acting as a part-time tutor to OU students. In 1977 he moved full time to the OU, was appointed professor of earth sciences in 1982, and became head of department in 1983.

Under his leadership an already flourishing department expanded and gained growing recognition. In 1989 the Universities' Funding Council listed the department as one of the top seven earth science departments in the UK, though this success did not lead to increased funding because the OU was not supported by the council. Instead he sought support from the OU and outside sources, raising enough to build the new Wolfson Earth Science Laboratories, the first specifically for research purposes on the OU campus, which were recently opened by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Michael Howard.

He was a prolific and gifted teacher, and a skilful administrator, serving for the past four years as chairman of the university's research committee. With Alan Mussett he wrote a text on geophysics and geochemistry (*The Inaccessible Earth*) and with Richard Thorpe another on *The Field Description of Igneous Rocks*. In 1986 he presented the results of his volcano monitoring research on a Horizon programme, *The Magma Chamber*.

This work, unique in the UK, attracted considerable international interest and established the OU as a centre of world importance in volcanic research. Brown's speciality was the use of sensitive gravity meters to detect minute changes in the density of the ground beneath the volcano, such as might be caused by the movements of molten rock and gas in the period before an eruption.

The method showed great promise and, working at Mount Etna, Brown and his colleague Hazel Rymer had shown that small changes in density can indeed be detected before and during eruptions, and can provide information not available from seismic data or measurements of surface distortion.

He was a man of boundless and infectious enthusiasm. He himself contributed to more than 70 research papers, supervised 12 PhD students, and headed a department responsible for the training of the equivalent of 1,000 full-time students. Yet he always had an eye for smaller details.

He leaves a wife, Evelyn, a geologist and staff tutor in science at the OU's Nottingham regional office, and three grown-up daughters.

DR BRUCE CAMPBELL

Dr Bruce Campbell, OBE, ornithologist, author and former BBC Natural History Unit producer, died on January 9 aged 80. He was born on June 15, 1912.

BRUCE Campbell's later success as a broadcaster never eclipsed his enthusiasm for actually observing birds. He saw birdwatching primarily as a sport rather than a science, but his career exemplified the transition of the ornithologist from amateur to conservation-minded scientist during this century. His collaboration with naturalists at the BBC produced such classics as *Animal Magic* and the *Look* series.

Born in Southsea, Hampshire, Campbell was educated at Winchester where, on his days off, he would roam the countryside looking for additions to his collection of nests, insects and plants. He was converted to a more scientic approach when the naturalist Tom Longstaff came to give the boys a lecture. Longstaff had just returned from the Oxford expedition to Greenland and was able to describe Max Nicholson's pioneering observations of breeding pairs of birds. Campbell saw for the first time that "there is something you could do with nests other than emptying them".

After studying forestry at Edinburgh University, Campbell accepted a post in the education department of University College, Cardiff, in 1939. A conscientious objector during the war, he immersed himself in a study of the effects of industrialisation on local birds and gained a PhD from Edinburgh.

He was invited by James Fisher to join naturalists on an aerial census of grey seal pups around British coastlines. The exercise was not a scientific success but gave Campbell some useful contacts and resulted, indirectly, in his appointment as secretary of the British Trust for Ornithology, in Oxford in 1948.

At the BTO he toured the country, lecturing to local groups of ornithologists, and carried out surveys, including a classic study of the pied flycatcher population. He also broadcast regularly, and in 1959 joined the BBC as senior producer of the National History Unit in Bristol, collaborating with naturalists like Peter Scott. Together with Johnny Morris, he devised the children's series, *Animal Magic*.

At the end of his three-year contract he retired to Oxfordshire, the nearby Forest of Dean providing ample subjects for his research into woodland birds. He continued to broadcast and became an advisory editor for *The Countryman* and a nature colmnist for the London *Evening News*. He was appointed OBE for his work as chairman of the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalists Trust. He served on many other bodies including the RSPB, the British Ecological Society and the National Trust.

Campbell published a number of books on birdwatching, with combined sales of more than 500,000 copies. These included the authoritative *Dictionary of Birds* (with Elizabeth Lack, 1985) for the BTO and his autobiography, *Birdwatcher at Large* (1979).

Despite his commitment and professionalism, Campbell never took himself too seriously. He once presented a local radio programme on the natural history of the haggis, only reminding listeners at the end that it was being broadcast on April 1.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Gibson Hill, whom he married in 1938. They had two sons and a daughter.

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All day long we have heard the swish of the shells overhead and seen them fall only a few yards away and tear up and rend tremendous holes in the ground. I have just waded through our trenches, which have fallen to pieces and are filling with mud and water, parapets falling down and all the dug-outs collapsing; the men standing shivering in the bitter wind on sentry duty, others huddled together trying to keep warm, but wet and grimy and caked in mud.

Am I a human being? I ask myself. I am gradually getting cold and chilled all through and will, to keep circulation going, be forced to go round my sentries to see if they are all standing by. We have not slept for nights and it is hard for every one. I am cheerful and have a laugh ready for all my men. They have been good to me, and it is marvellous how good they are and how little grumbling there is. I dug one of my men out of the mud yesterday. I thought we had lost him, as it took 1½ hours to dig him out, but I am glad to say we pulled him round and he is quite fit again. Last night I fell into a trench full of water, and the men kept a little bix full of wood burning near me all night long and brought me hot tea. They are fine and have worked splendidly all the time.

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For a century or more after the battle of Waterloo newspaper accounts of wars were strengthened by letters from the scene of action. The best of them proved to be every bit as vivid as today's television images.

NEWS

15,000 lorry jobs at risk

■ Fifteen thousand jobs in the British motor industry are at risk after the Dutch parent company of Britain's biggest lorry manufacturer, Leyland DAF, sought protection from its creditors.

Michael Heseltine, President ofthe Board of Trade, last night ruled out government financial help in spite of pleas from union leaders and opposition politicians. The threat to jobs at Leyland DAF came after the collapse of rescue talks between the Dutch and Belgian governments and bankers .....**Page 1**

Major to meet Clinton

■ John Major is to hold talks with President Clinton later this month in an attempt to defuse growing strains in US-European relations and head off the threat of a damaging transatlantic trade war ..... **Pages 1, 11**

Governor in hospital

Chris Patten, governor of Hong Kong, will enter hospital today for an urgent operation to reduce the threat of a heart attack, just as the political pressures of his job begin to rise again after a seasonal lull. The announcement, deliberately made after the close of the volatile Hong Kong stockmarket yesterday, came after China again stepped up its intense political attacks .. **Page 2**

Unlawful killing

Rachel Nickell, 23, who was murdered on Wimbledon Common last year, was stabbed 49 times in a frenzied attack that continued after she was dead, an inquest was told yesterday. The coroner recorded a verdict of unlawful killing ..... **Page 3**

End of the line

The end of British Rail's 45-year reign as one of the great state monopolies was announced by John MacGregor, the transport minister. Seven model franchises created yesterday account in annual revenue terms for one third of the £2.1 billion that British Rail collects from passengers. The franchises could be in private hands by April 1994 **Page 5**

Woman, 79, attacked

An woman aged 79 was in intensive care yesterday after being beaten over the head in the normally tranquil retirement town of Broadstairs, Kent ..... **Page 4**

Emotional toll

THE 20-year-old girl friend of a man shot by the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force a month ago was found dead at her home in Dungannon, co Tyrone, yesterday, just hours after attending a mass in his memory. Her death, believed to be the result of an overdose, served as a sharp reminder of the true emotional and psychological costs of the troubles in Ulster ..... **Page 6**

Aid worker shot

Tony Bullard, 35, a British aid worker shot dead in Afghanistan, had returned to the country even though his life had been threatened by bandits last summer, his mother said ..... **Page 6**

War crimes reported

Harrowing descriptions of castration, mass murder and rape have been given by survivors of two prison camps in northern Bosnia. Camp officials accused of atrocities have been identified and their names presented to the United Nations ..... **Page 12**

Rabin criticised

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli leader, calculated that his offer to repatriate 100 of the 396 Palestinian deportees in Lebanon would enable his Arab neighbours to resume face-to-face talks in the coming weeks. Mr Rabin has got it wrong, however. The deportees have rejected his offer and Mr Rabin is being heavily criticised at home..... **Page 13**

Strike turns violent

South African police killed one man and wounded three others in Johannesburg yesterday as a strike by taxi drivers turned violent ..... **Page 13**

Housewives worth £100bn a year

■ The value of a wife and mother has doubled to £349 a week in the past 12 years, according to the insurance company Legal & General. That is the amount it would cost to replace a wife by paid cooks, child carers, cleaners and gardeners. Legal & General says unpaid work done by women with children contributes £100 billion a year to the economy .....**Page 3**



United front: Palestinian deportees in Lebanon unanimously rejecting the offer from Israel to allow 100 of them to go home

BUSINESS

Costs rise: Local authorities must pay higher premiums for insurance cover against terrorist attacks as they switch from MMI, the troubled insurance company, to Zurich Re..... **Page 21**

Phone charge: British Telecom will trim prices by less than 1 per cent this year after persuading Oftel, the industry regulator, to soften its request for a cut of 2 per cent..... **Page 23**

Markets: Sterling fell to a new low, closing down 1.12 cents at $1.4430 and down .27 pfennigs at DM2.3730, with the trade-weighted index ending at 77.1, in spite of a bright start to the day. The FTSE-100 index of leading shares fell 17.2 at 2,834.4..... **Page 24**

SPORT

Sports medicine: Sweden is continuing investigations into why 15 young orienteers, who lived or trained in the same area, have died since 1979, seven of them in the past 3½ years ..... **Page 36**

Boxing: Riddick Bowe, the WBA and IBF heavyweight champion, prepares to fulfil one of his childhood ambitions and defend his crowns in front of his family and friends at Madison Square Garden, New York..... **Page 36**

Cricket: India beat England by eight wickets on the last day of the First Test in Calcutta. David Miller looks at the bowling problems that are threatening to put Keith Fletcher, the England manger, in a spin ..... **Page 38**

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Fifteen-minute wonder: Sex with scissors is how it is best described. Having your hair cut by Frederic Fekkai is an experience constantly acclaimed by wealthy New York women..... **Page 14**

Family footsteps: "My grandmother, Maisie Defriez, died the day after Audrey Hepburn. For each of them, paying anention to appearance was a concern always kept in proportion to more important things in life; but equally, it was never lost, even when times were tough. They both had that special, innate elegance that acts as a bulwark of self-respect against hardship and tragedy." Sarah Mower on her grandmother..... **Page 14**

MODERN TIMES

After the event: All Seattle is in Grunge denial. They may still be wearing the lumberjack-on-acid clothes and listening to Nirvana, but fame has devalued Grunge. Kate Muir on the next move in Grunge city ..... **Page 15**

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Judge for yourself: What makes an advertisement offensive enough to be banned? Winston Fletcher on what is not fit to be seen .. **Page 28**

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Sterling property: Thousands of would-be homeowners have been toning up what sterling's collapse would mean for their dreams of buying a foreign home..... **Page 35**

ARTS

Mesmerising Mutter: German violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter is in Britain for two concerts. Richard Morrison interviews a "musical brain in a million"..... **Page 29**

Sundance kids: Robert Redford's Sundance Festival, in the Utah mountains, is a showcase and market-place for the world's independent film-makers..... **Page 31**

Art in Canada: Toronto has handsomely revamped its public art gallery and Montreal is home to a revelatory loan exhibition of 17th-century French paintings. **Page 29**

Barrier to dialogue: A new play at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, about immigration, is too loaded to do its subject justice ..... **Page 30**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Mickey Kantor, the new US trade representative, will largely determine whether America veers towards protectionism **Page 11**



Professor Jill McCleod Clark, of the King's College School of Nursing, is aiming to persuade pregnant women to give up smoking **Page 9**



Dean Richards has been recalled to the England rugby union squad in place of Tim Rodber for the match against Wales on Saturday **Page 40**



Baroness Thatcher launched a telephone referendum on the Maastricht treaty yesterday and cast the first vote, rejecting the treaty **Page10**

TV LISTINGS

A troubled marriage between a mousy Englishwoman (Lynsey Baxter) and a Russian food freak (Nigel Terry) is charted in the satirical drama *The Mushroom Picker* (BBC2, 9.25pm) ..... **Page 39**

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Wolf at the door

For the first time since 1945, America's ideological commitment to free trade cannot be taken for granted ..... **Page 17**

Hard Labour

Unless Labour reforms its internal structures, its philosophy and its policies, the British people are unlikely to trust it with power **Page 17**

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Reflected in the great mirrors of the Reform Club are the stern faces of government economists denying all part in this shambles. No Treasury or Bank of England resignations followed Black Wednesday, a débâcle that was professional as well as political. If economic advisers were members of a professional body there would surely have been hearings and strikings off **Page 16**

ALAN COREN

I noticed that the majority of publishers were now refusing to allow authors to use the word "pig" in children's books for fear of offending Muslims. A pity, I thought: this must mean that many British children were excluded from the reading community on the ground that Sam Pig, despite his floppy hat, red waistcoat and impeccable manners was unclean..... **Page 16**

LETTERS

European Community legislation is helping significantly to tilt the balance of power in this country away from MPs and towards the executive. MPs seem to be "determined to ignore mounting evidence of their own impending redundancy"..... **Page 17**

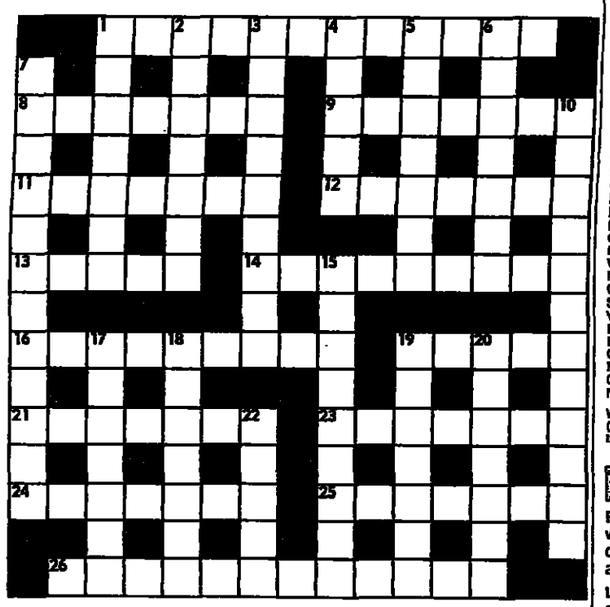
THE PAPERS

The first barrier to a better solution for Bosnian Muslims is that it would mean full Western military involvement in the Balkan war — and on the ground, not just up in the air. That means America. Without US forces, Europe will not fight what it should have made its own battle.

If President Clinton wants to go to war in the Balkans he will have to tell Americans his goals and solutions. That is his second barrier. Even a military victory would not provide a political solution

New York Times

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Rain may be heavy at times in northwest Scotland and the Northern Isles. The rest of Britain will be mainly dry, with only the odd spot of light drizzle. Overnight fog will be slow to clear in some southern parts. Then, after a murky morning, brighter spells will develop. It will be quite mild. Southwesterly winds will be strong to gale force in the northwest. Outlook: mainly dry, with overnight mist and fog in the south, some rain over northern Scotland.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	s	Madrid	2	36	f
Akrotiri	9	48	f	Majorca	14	57	f
Alex'dria	13	55	c	Malaga	15	59	c
Algiers	18	64	s	Malta	14	57	s
Amst'dm	3	37	c	Melb'rne	32	90	s
Athens	6	43	c	Mexico C*	18	64	f
Bahrain	22	72	s	Miami*	22	72	s
Bangkok	29	84	f	Milan	7	45	s
Barbados*	28	82	c	Montreal*	-16	3	f
Barcelna	12	54	f	Moscow	2	36	c
Beirut	6	43	r	Munich	0	32	s
Belgrade	-1	30	s	Naples	12	54	s
Berlin	-2	28	s	N Delhi	20	68	s
Bermuda*	22	72	s	N York*	-7	19	s
Biarritz	15	59	s	Nice	15	59	s
Borde'x	10	50	s	Oslo	2	36	s
Brussels	1	34	c	Paris	1	34	c
Budapst	1	34	s	Peking	5	41	s
B Aires*	27	81	s	Perth	27	81	s
Cairo	11	52	f	Prague	-6	21	s
Cape Tn	24	75	f	Reykjavik	-1	30	sn
Chicago*	0	32	c	Rhodes	8	46	s
Ch'church	13	56	f	Rio de J	38	97	s
Cologne	3	37	s	Riyadh	22	72	r
C'phagn	0	32	c	Rome	11	52	f
Corfu	11	52	s	Salzburg	-3	27	f
Dublin	11	52	s	S F'isco*	11	52	s
Faro	16	61	s	Santiago*	33	91	s
Florence	15	59	s	S Paulo*	29	84	f
Frankfurt	-2	28	c	Seoul	5	41	s
Funchal	17	63	c	Sing'por	29	84	t
Geneva	2	36	c	St'kholm	2	36	s
Gibraltar	16	61	f	Strasb'rg	1	34	c
Helsinki	4	39	s	Sydney	31	88	s
Hong K	17	63	s	Tel Aviv	7	45	r
Innsbruck	4	39	s	Tenerife	19	66	f
Istanbul	4	39	f	Tokyo	7	45	s
Jeddah	24	75	s	Toronto*	-14	7	s
Jo'burg*	27	81	f	Tunis	15	59	f
L Palmas	20	68	f	Valencia	12	54	c
Le Touet	5	41	c	Vanc'ver*	7	45	c
Lisbon	13	55	s	Venice	11	52	s
Locarno	9	48	s	Vienna	-5	23	s
London	9	48	s	Warsaw	-3	27	c
L Angels*	14	57	s	Wash'ton*	3	37	s
Luxembg	-2	28	fg	Wel'nton	13	55	c
Luxor	15	59	f	Zurich	0	32	f

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temperature: maximum 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); minimum 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sunshine: 24hr to 6pm, 3.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,039.6 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temperature: Penzance, Cornwall, 9C (48F); lowest day maximum: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 2C (36F), highest rainfall: Wittering, Cambridgeshire, 0.02in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, Kinloss and Wick, 7.0hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temperature: maximum 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); minimum 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.7hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 2.6hr.

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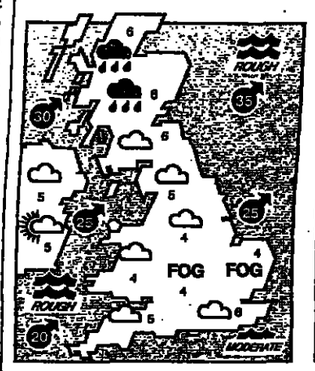
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.0	-	5	41	sunny
Anglesey	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Aviemore	6.4	-	5	41	sunny
Belfast	3.7	-	7	45	bright
Birmingham	2.3	-	6	43	sunny
Bognor Regis	1.5	-	5	41	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	-	6	43	dull
Bristol	3.0	-	7	45	bright
Buxton	1.3	-	4	39	bright
Cardiff	2.9	-	7	45	drizzle
Clacton	4.1	-	5	41	bright
Cromer	5.0	-	5	41	sunny
Douglas	-	-	6	43	dull
Edinburgh	3.3	-	5	41	sunny
Eskdalemuir	0.1	-	2	36	cloudy
Exmouth	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Falmouth	-	0.01	8	46	cloudy
Folkestone	5.6	-	4	39	sunny
Glasgow	1.6	-	4	39	sunny
Guernsey	5.2	-	7	45	bright
Hastings	4.5	-	5	41	sunny
Hunstanton	3.5	-	6	43	bright
Jersey	0.7	-	5	41	cloudy
Kinloss	7.0	-	8	46	sunny
Leeds	1.0	0.02	7	45	cloudy
Lerwick	3.9	-	8	46	bright
Littlehampton	2.3	0.01	5	41	bright
Liverpool	1.0	-	7	45	bright
London	6.6	-	8	46	sunny
Lowestoft	4.4	0.01	4	39	bright
Manchester	0.5	-	7	45	cloudy
Minehead	1.8	-	7	45	bright
Morecambe	1.3	-	7	45	cloudy
Newcastle	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Newquay	0.6	0.01	8	46	bright
Nottingham	0.5	-	6	43	cloudy
Penzance	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Plymouth	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Poole	-	-	9	48	dull
Prestwick	1.8	-	5	41	sunny
Saunton Snd	0.7	-	7	45	cloudy
Scarborough	-	-	5	41	dull
Scilly Isles	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Southsea	1.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Stornoway	1.9	-	7	45	bright
Swanage	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Teignmouth	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Tiree	1.3	-	7	45	bright
Torquay	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	8	43	cloudy
Wick	7.0	-	6	43	sunny
Worthing	2.9	-	5	41	sunny

TOURIST RATES

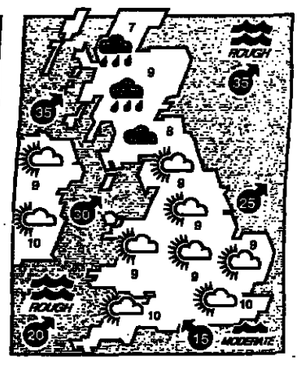
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.235	2.035
Austria Sch	17.75	16.25
Belgium Fr	52.10	47.70
Canada $	1.855	1.795
Denmark Kr	9.76	8.96
Finland Mkk	8.77	7.97
France Fr	8.51	7.81
Germany Dm	2.515	2.315
Greece Dr	340.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	11.89	10.89
Ireland Pt	1.025	0.945
Italy Lira	2315.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	198.25	179.25
Netherlands Gld	2.84	2.61
Norway Kr	10.68	9.68
Portugal Esc	225.70	207.70
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.70
Spain Pta	175.25	161.25
Sweden Kr	11.34	10.54
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	13700.0	12700.0
USA $	1.545	1.42

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING TIMES

London 4.54 pm to 7.34 am
Bristol 5.04 pm to 7.44 am
Edinburgh 4.51 pm to 8.02 am
Manchester 4.56 pm to 7.49 am
Penzance 5.20 pm to 7.52 am

Sun rises: 7.36 am — Sun sets: 4.54 pm
Moon rises 12.49 pm — Moon sets 4.44 am
Full moon February 6

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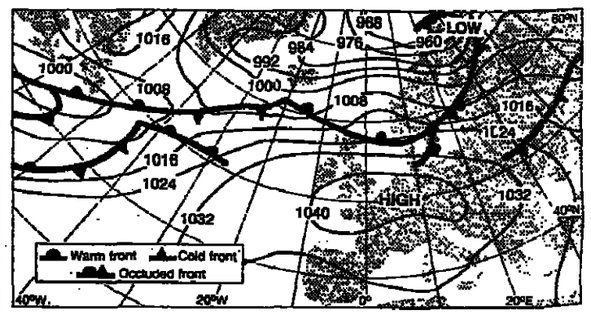
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	c	Guernsey	7	45	c
B'rmgham	7	45	c	Inverness	7	45	c
Blackpool	9	48	s	Jersey	6	43	sg
Bristol	9	48	s	London	9	48	s
Cardiff	8	46	c	M'nchster	8	46	s
Edinburgh	8	46	f	Newcastle	10	50	s
Glasgow	8	46	f	R'nldeway	9	48	c

TIDE TIMES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.57	5.7	10.44	5.9	Liverpool	7.44	7.5	8.19	7.8
Aberdeen	10.06	3.5	10.38	3.8	Lowestoft	5.52	2.0	6.26	2.1
Avonmouth	3.07	10.2	3.53	10.6	Margate	8.19	3.9	9.04	4.1
Belfast	7.34	3.0	8.08	3.0	Milford Haven	2.29	5.3	3.11	5.5
Cardiff	2.52	9.5	3.38	9.9	Newquay	1.28	5.4	2.08	5.6
Devonport	1.42	4.4	2.30	4.4	Oban	2.36	3.0	3.37	3.2
Dover	7.20	5.4	8.08	5.4	Penzance	12.55	4.4	1.40	4.4
Falmouth	1.12	4.2	2.00	4.2	Portland	2.14	1.5	3.14	1.4
Glasgow	9.21	4.0	10.20	4.0	Portsmouth	7.36	4.1	8.28	4.0
Harwich	7.59	3.2	8.40	3.3	Shoreham	7.34	5.0	8.18	5.2
Holyhead	7.09	4.6	7.39	4.6	Southampton	7.31	3.8	8.18	3.8
Hull	2.36	5.9	3.15	6.0	Swansea	2.36	7.4	3.15	7.6
Ilfracombe	2.09	7.0	2.56	7.2	Tees			12.36	4.4
King's Lynn	2.42	4.8	3.21	5.1	W'ton-on-Nze	7.58	3.4	8.40	3.5
Leith	11.13	4.5	11.47	4.5					

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British banks deny forcing DAF to seek protection

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ British banks are claiming they have been set up as scapegoats after refusing to join a new cash injection of £100 million and endangering up to 15,000 British jobs

THREE British banks that refused to take part in a £100 million cash injection at DAF, the Dutch-owned truck maker, last night rejected suggestions that they had endangered 15,000 British jobs.

National Westminster, Barclays and Lloyds, which are owed money by DAF, denied accusations from the Opposition and from trade unions that they had pulled the plug on the company, which yesterday filed for protection from its creditors.

They would say only that they had pledged further short-term financial support to the business while its future was thrashed out.

Banking insiders, however, insist that the British banks were set up as the villains of the affair, and put in an untenable position by the company, by the Dutch and Belgian governments and by foreign banks. The company's decision to file for protective bankruptcy was taken, they say, after the banks refused to put up further cash without a clear indication that DAF was viable in its present form.

DAF said it had reached agreement with the two governments and most of the banks on restructuring and refinancing proposals. "A minority of the banks, however, felt that a further investigation was necessary," it said, in a statement that was seen as pointing the finger of blame at the three British banks.

DAF owes three billion guilders, or £1.1 billion, less than a quarter of it to British banks. The biggest lender is ABN AMRO, the Dutch bank and leader of the international consortium of banks that has for months been trying to put together a rescue package.

The company said further investigation of the finances would have taken time, so the banks agreed to co-operate on short-term funds to keep the company going on condition that the two governments "delivered an equal contribution". The Belgian and Dutch governments then told DAF that further delay was unacceptable, while the banks would not unfreeze the company's credit lines.

DAF gave its banks an ultimatum which the minority would not accept. The company therefore filed for protection from creditors in the Dutch courts, saying that similar arrangements for Leyland DAF, the British subsidiary, were being considered.

This version of events, however, was strongly contested by



British banking sources, who insist that the last straw was the insistence by the two governments, presumably on political grounds, that a further cash injection of as much as £100 million be agreed by the banks immediately, without investigation of whether the company was viable.

Two management consultants, Arthur D Little and Coopers & Lybrand, are running their slide-rules over DAF and its British subsidiary, but their report is not expected for another month. There has been speculation that their conclusions will not be favourable to the group's continued existence in its present form.

The British banks have taken the view that no further promises of cash can be forthcoming to a business with so uncertain a future. In a statement, NatWest said: "It has not proved possible to pull the relevant governments and banks together, and that's the reason the deal has fallen through." Barclays said it had been supportive of DAF over the past year, while a Lloyds spokesman said: "The banks haven't pulled the plug on the company and walked away from the table."

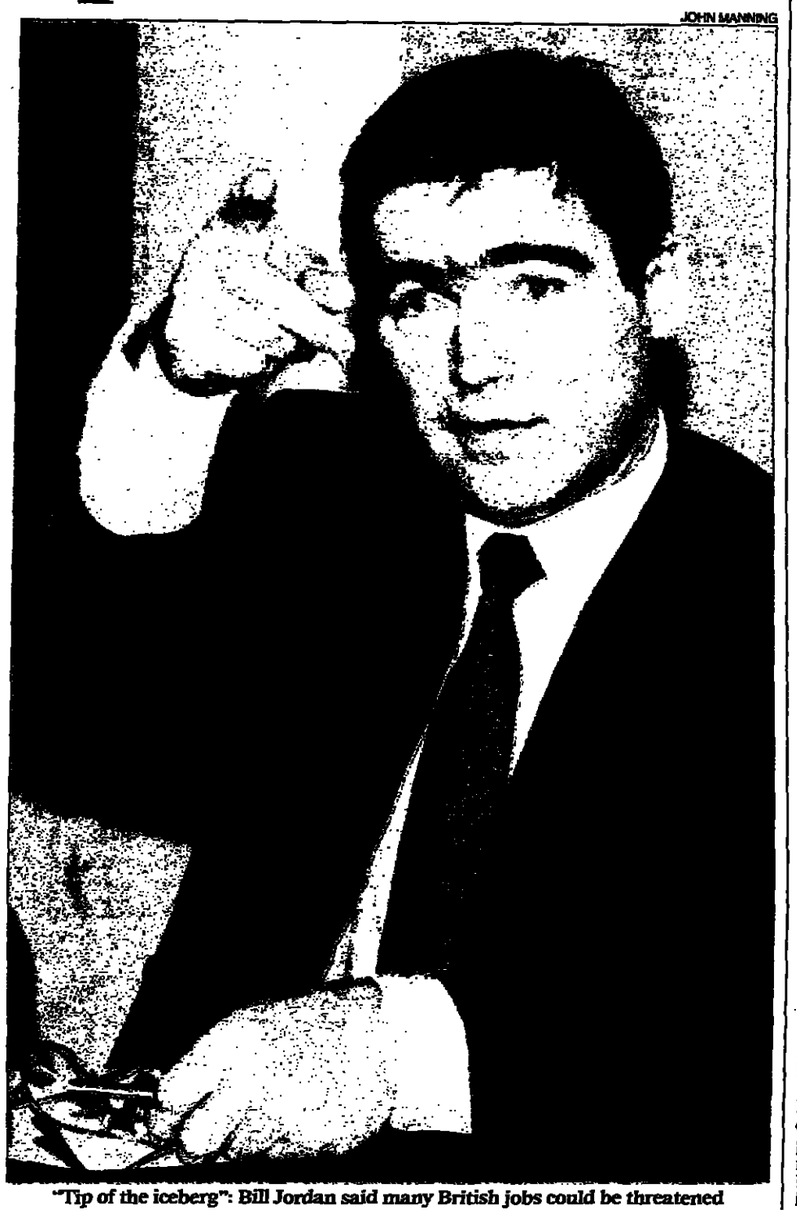
There is now a question mark over the future of the British operation, which is expected to go into administrative receivership, the closest equivalent in Britain to the Dutch procedure.

Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said he was appalled to learn that jobs were under threat at DAF. "This is almost the tip of the iceberg in terms of the number of suppliers and the many, many jobs they provide," he said. Industry observers said DAF had suffered from its heavy exposure to Britain, the weakest of Europe's markets, and because, unlike competitors such as Mercedes-Benz and Iveco, it is not owned by a multinational.

DAF's biggest foreign shareholder is British Aerospace, with 16 per cent of the ordinary shares and just over 10 per cent of the equity. The stake dates from DAF's 1987 acquisition of British Leyland's truck and van arm.

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JOHN MANNING



"Tip of the iceberg": Bill Jordan said many British jobs could be threatened

Insurance threat to local services

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

EXTRA charges for terrorism cover have raised insurance premiums for local authorities opting to transfer their existing insurance policies from the stricken Municipal Mutual Insurance, Britain's ninth largest insurer, to Zurich Re.

The extra charge, which has caught many councils by surprise, could mean a reduction in local services in those cases where the higher premiums push spending budgets over the limit allowed under the government's Standard Spending Assessment (SSA).

Martin Pilgrim, undersecretary of finance at the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said that "a lot of councils are quite near their cap limits and any extra money required for insurance will reduce the amount of money they have available for other services".

Mike Hood, audit manager at Milton Keynes borough council, said the extra costs would result in reduced services. As a result, the borough was looking at the possibility of managing terrorism risks itself in order to reduce costs, he added. Other councils in low risk areas are considering the option not to insure against terrorism.

Some authorities have no choice. Westminster city council, with its high-risk property portfolio, is one of the few councils to have provided for the estimated increase in insurance costs. The council has set aside £500,000 of its budget for the rise in costs. Had it been necessary to pass on the extra costs to ratepayers, the council estimates that, in terms of property valuation Band D, the council tax would have risen by £5 a person.

Zurich Re, based in Switzerland, is offering councils the chance to transfer existing policies as part of its agreement to take over the bulk of MMI's business after the British insurer's collapse last year.

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RINGING

BT has persuaded Oftel to draw back from its request for a 2 per cent cut in charges and accept a reduction of less than 1 per cent
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PUZZLING

A rogue Treasury line puzzled City dealers, indicating the minimum lending rate would be revised to 7 per cent today
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BATTING



Martin Broughton emerged as Sir Patrick Sheehy's successor at BAT Industries after his appointment as chief executive
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THE POUND

US $	1.4430 (-0.0112)
German mark	2.3730 (-0.0027)
Exchange index	77.1 (-0.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2834.4 (-17.2)
Dow Jones	3326.78 (-5.40)*
Nikkei Avg	17186.31 (+52.67)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month interbank	6⅛-6⅛%
US Federal Funds	3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.95-2.93%*
Long Bond	7.24%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4460*	£:$	1.4460
$:DM	1.6418*	£:DM	2.3736
$:SWfr	1.5238*	£:SWfr	2.2102
$:Ffr	5.5560*	£:Ffr	8.0330
$:Yen	124.90*	£:Yen	180.11
£:SDR	1.0653	£:ECU	1.2244

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 329.35 ... PM 329.65
Close ... 329.80-330.30
New York:
Comex ... 330.55-331.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ... 139.2 December (2.6%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Sterling hits record low on Bank index

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STERLING staged an attempt at recovery yesterday but slid back to close at another record low as dealers remained convinced that interest rates will fall again.

The pound ended at 77.1 on the Bank of England's sterling index, against a previous all-time low on Monday of 77.4. Currency dealers said statements from Downing Street that the sterling crisis was over were "wishful thinking", with investor confidence in the pound remaining extremely negative.

Mark Cliffe at Nomura Research, who monitors the psychology of Japanese investors, particularly heavy sellers of the pound, said: "Japanese investors are aware the devaluation brings long-term benefits, particularly to their direct investments in Britain, but in the short term there is a sense of unease that policy is running out of control."

He said he wouldn't be surprised if sterling were to go through a period of being blatently undervalued, perhaps as low as DM2.00.

Other currency economists believe sterling could fall below DM2.30 in the next few months, with most convinced the government will initiate further cuts in interest rates, at Budget time or soon afterwards. It is this expectation that leaves sterling highly vulnerable, despite depreciating by more than 4 per cent in the past fortnight.

It is notable that no-one in the currency markets has seen the Bank intervening in support of sterling over the past two days, underlining the market's view of a policy of "benign neglect" towards the currency.

The pound's performance was mostly dictated by events overseas. It held steady against the mark, closing unchanged at DM2.3730, as the German currency was weakened by news of a precipitous fall in industrial production of 1.8 per cent in December, after declining by about 2 per cent in the previous two months.

The dollar, however, was stronger on a broad front after more data underlining economic recovery. The US index of leading indicators rose 1.9 per cent in December, the fastest rate for nearly ten years. Sterling fell to $1.4430 from $1.4542 at the previous close.

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Roll up for the trade war sideshow



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

After six years of frustrating jaw-jaw, nobody should be surprised if a trade war broke out. As yet, it has not. The United States has started resorting to gunboat diplomacy — on French wines, steel and now public purchasing — but the overt goal remains a new Gatt disarmament treaty and moves made so far contain a strong element of retaliation against surreptitious European protectionist moves or subsidies. America mounted similar skirmishes and shows of strength against Japan in the late eighties. Some ignoble carve-ups resulted but trade patterns remained basically intact.

This time, the omens are worse. The boom times, when trade deals should have have been so much easier to agree, have been replaced by near-universal recession, when red alert signs usually go on for open trade. Bill Clinton swept to office on an America-first ticket. The Democrats may still be good guys on trade, but the balance has shifted from the Bush days, as America's new trade negotiator wants to make plain from the start. Worst of all, the main thrust of American anger is now focused on a Francophile European Commission that has a vested bureaucratic interest in distinguishing between intra-EC and other international trade. That is very different from a Japanese government prepared to offer ritual appeasement to keep its show on the road. The commission's agenda is not wholly negative. Trade blocs such as the EC and its nascent North American equivalent offer a genuine, if inferior, alternative to free trade for the biggest companies and economies. Consumers lose; producers speak louder and provide their jobs. That makes it easier to contemplate postwar trade ideas breaking down.

Business would therefore be wise to plan for the worst. Multinationals have been doing it for many years. Provided regional markets are big enough, it makes sense to have a foot in all the main camps. A trade war would certainly hurt Unilever, Ford, Honda or BAT but should not cripple them. Indeed, Britain is relatively well-placed, having strong multinationals and a relatively small manufacturing base. In other industries, such as pharmaceuticals, advanced electronics, whisky or engineering investment goods, which lack long, standard production runs, this is not so easy, though licensing can help. Medium-sized groups that traditionally export to Anglophone countries should be rethinking. Trade with the Continent, already dominant in the national statistics, should be much safer. The more free trade is at risk, the more trade with the Continent should be at the forefront, instead of being, as so often, peripheral. No wonder the French are so upset about threats they see to the single market in devaluations and the Hoover jobs affair. In comparison, the transatlantic Punch and Judy battles must seem a sideshow.

Such sensible, realistic thinking is, however, both self-fulfilling and incredibly dangerous. The more trade tensions focus on the three big blocs, and the more comfortable it seems to be to think of regional trade as a fall-back, the clearer it becomes that these are not the main issues. America was always going to be a marginal market for EC steel. The idea that politicians would be able to withstand domestic interest and pressures so completely as to make public purchasing open to all-comers was a dream at the far reaches of free trade ideals.

North America, the EC and Japan's Far East zone can all survive the worst, thank you very much. Continuation of the bit-by-bit breakdown of open trade would be disastrous for South America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Bulk exports of steel, food and other cheap-labour goods are much more vital to Brazil and Poland, as they were, until recently, to Korea.

Short of turning international banks into permanent welfare agencies, the EC does not seem to have much alternative to importing either many more goods or many more people from Eastern Europe. Gatt negotiations have virtually no bearing on this. The dilemma is being ignored while the East sorts itself out: if pressing problems arise, dumping orders can be wheeled out. That will not do. Eastern Europe's change of direction will have more impact than any row between Washington and Brussels.

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Manufacturers more hopeful over prospects, CBI says

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ The rate of job losses in smaller firms is expected to slow markedly in the next four months but uncertainty over demand remains a constraint on investment plans

SMALL manufacturing firms are more optimistic about prospects over the next four months than larger companies, according to survey findings from the Confederation of British Industry. Smaller companies expect a quicker pick-up in demand and a more marked slowdown in job shedding than manufacturers as a whole.

Using figures from the its recently published quarterly industrial trends survey, the CBI said that among companies with fewer than 200 employees, those that had become more optimistic about their general business position exceeded those more pessimistic by 17 percentage points.

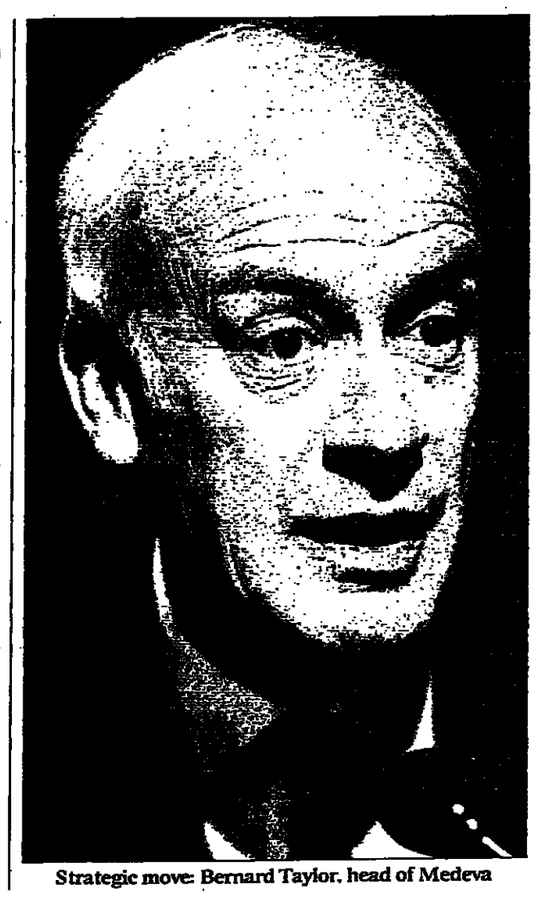
This compares with a positive balance of 11 percentage points for all manufacturing companies covered in the survey. In the last quarterly survey, in October, there was a negative balance of 22 percentage points among small companies, and one of 23 percentage points overall.

The CBI's figures show that the rate at which jobs are shed by smaller firms is expected to slow markedly over the next four months, compared with industry as a whole: among small companies, the balance expecting further job losses is minus seven percentage points, compared with minus 21 percentage points among manufacturers overall.

On growth, a positive balance of 11 percentage points among small companies expects to increase, rather than reduce, output over the next four months, compared with one of two percentage points for industry overall.

Richard Brucciani, chairman of the CBI's smaller firms council, said at the council's annual dinner: "The reductions in interest rates are welcome, but we are looking to the Chancellor to introduce further measures in the Budget to help smaller firms."

Small firms would benefit most from lower interest rates, Baroness Denton, the small firms minister, told the gathering. They were not as likely to be as affected as larger ones by recession elsewhere.



Strategic move: Bernard Taylor, head of Medeva

Medeva buys in France

By Philip Pangalos

MEDEVA, the fast-growing pharmaceuticals group, is expanding into continental Europe with the proposed acquisition of Institut de Recherche Corbière (IRC), a French pharmaceuticals company, for Fr93.75 million in cash and shares.

The deal, which is subject to French Treasury approval, will give Medeva a base in France from which to launch its own drugs on the Continent, and enable it to establish a European sales force.

Medeva, chaired by Bernard Taylor, has already filed for a registration in France for its Fluvirin influenza vaccine, which will be marketed and sold by IRC's sales force. Medeva also plans to take on more sales staff at the Paris-based company.

IRC made a loss of Fr4.74 million in the year to end-December 1991, on turnover of Fr50 million, but is expected to be profitable, with higher sales, this year.

The acquisition is due to be completed by the end of this month.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Payout cut as YRM swings into losses

BLEAK times in the construction industry have pushed YRM, the quoted architectural practice, into its first loss and resulted in a sharp cut in the half-way dividend. The company is forecasting a return to profitability in the second half. Losses before tax in the six months to end-October were £498,000, against a profit of £534,000 last time. An operating loss of £142,000 was exacerbated by £282,000 in redundancy and related costs.

Brian Henderson, the chairman, said that not only had there been a "chronic shortage" of building design commissions, but where work had been available, economic pressure and unduly competitive fee tendering had driven fees to extremely low levels. The interim dividend was therefore cut from 1.65p to 0.50p, and the level of the final would be decided in the light of the results for the year.

Northern raises £91m

NORTHERN Foods has raised £91.28 million from a 6.75 per cent, 15-year Euroconvertible bond, redeemable after five years. The conversion price is 326p a share, a premium of 18 per cent to the prevailing share price. The shares fell 8p to 272p yesterday. The company says proceeds will be used to replace existing short-term debts; £120 million arising from the Express Dairy and Eden Vale buys in 1991. Northern began this financial year with £200 million debt and shareholders' funds of £277 million. Analysts expect a cash outflow of £40 million to £50 million during the year.

EC questions closure

THE European Commission says its enquiry into the liquidation of EFIM, the Italian state holding company, was aimed at verifying whether 4 trillion lire (£1.8 billion) of state aid conformed with EC competition rules. The EC was investigating aid given to EFIM even once it had closed. It was especially concerned with state aid of L4 trillion and the intention to convert EFIM total debt of US$17 billion into equity. Plans to liquidate the conglomerate are being discussed in the Italian parliament. In October the Italian government approved a decree to liquidate EFIM.

European debts rise

NCM Credit Insurance, the export credit insurer, says the failure of European Community companies to pay their debts is rising dramatically with some of the worst increases appearing in the UK's main export countries. Last year, British companies trading with Germany, the biggest export market, suffered a 300 per cent rise in their losses. NCM calculates that between 1987 and 1992 companies have seen losses on exports to Denmark rise by 330 per cent, and to Italy by 420 per cent, compared with an EC average of 248 per cent.

Heiton builds profit

INTERIM pre-tax profits have risen 15 per cent to Ir£945,000 (Ir£820,000) at Heiton Holdings, the Irish building supplies-to-DIY superstore group, despite difficult trading conditions. Earnings per share were 1.90p (1.75p) in the six months to end-October and the interim dividend is pegged at 0.65p. Heiton's turnover was virtually static at Ir£30 million. The company said it was satisfied that both its core divisions, builders merchants and retail, had improved their performances despite stagnant construction activity and reined-in consumer spending.

BBL France rescued

BANQUE Bruxelles Lambert, Belgium's second largest bank, said its BBL France subsidiary made a loss last year and it pumped money into the bank for a capital increase. This was the second time since 1989 that BBL has come to the rescue of its troubled French unit. Losses at BBL France had depressed BBL's 1989-90 consolidated profit and also weighed on 1991-2 results. BBL France lost FFr540 million, reflecting provisions on property loans. BBL advanced FFr700 million in 1992 to the unit for a capital increase to be made in April.

Output of UK oil set to rise

By Our City Staff

WOOD Mackenzie, the energy analyst, estimate that UK oil production will rise to an average of 1.98 million barrels per day (bpd) in 1993, from 1.90 million bpd last year. Of this, 1.90 million bpd will come from offshore fields, against 1.82 million bpd in 1992, the firm says.

Production will average 1.83 million bpd in this quarter, 1.68 million in the second, 1.94 million in the third and 2.17 million in the fourth. Output will be boosted by the opening of 13 new fields, containing reserves of 1.4 billion barrels of oil and 6,000 billion cubic feet of gas.

The new fields will pump an average of 350,000 bpd of oil by the end of the year but will not reach peak production until 1994 or 1995, Wood Mackerizie estimates. Three North Sea fields will shut this year — Amoco's North West Hutton, Amerada Hess's Angus and British Petroleum's Donan, though the latter will reopen in 1994.

A three-week shutdown of the Forties pipeline system, starting next month, will cut output by 420,000 bpd, Wood Mackenzie says. Work on the Flotta pipeline will curtail the normal flow of about 165,000 bpd for two weeks in May.

Advertising is mixed at Adscene

By Martin Flanagan

ADSCENE, which publishes newspapers in Kent, Lincolnshire and London, has reported a mixed picture on advertising revenue in its first half.

Harry Lambert, chairman, said that while Lincolnshire and London had shown a continuing decline in revenue, although at a slower pace, Kent had seen an increase. This was due more to rationalisation at the Kent papers beginning to bite, allied to a more efficient sales operation, than any geographical differences in the impact of the UK recession.

In the six months to November 28, Adscene saw taxable profits rise more than 30 per cent to £946,000 compared with £720,000. Earnings per share are up 51 per cent to 4.54p against 3.01p, and the interim dividend jumps 20 per cent to 1.8p (1.5p). Bank borrowings continue to fall and net interest payable fell 58 per cent to £127,000.

The group says the third quarter is its weakest, and "it will not be until the pre-Easter period when we will know whether the now widely reported improvement in activity in the retail, motor and property sectors will translate into increased advertising in our local newspapers".

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Bundesbank "not to blame": Helmut Schlesinger

Bonn joins call for Bundesbank to lower rates

FROM COLIN NARBROUGH IN FRANKFURT

THE Bundesbank, whose council meets tomorrow, is under public pressure from Bonn to signal lower interest rates, thereby relieving persistent tensions in the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM).

Fearful that the Bundesbank is prepared to resist all calls for an easing from outside Germany, most recently the fruitless appeal from Ireland, the German government has joined critics of the Bundesbank in a highly visible way.

Although most of the big financial institutions in Germany do not expect the Bundesbank to budge tomorrow, one school of thought believes there is still an even chance the central bank will change monetary policy. The early easing view is based on the fact that west German inflation, up to an annual 4.4 per cent last month, though too high for Bundesbank comfort, is exaggerated by the 1 per cent increase in Vat at the beginning of the year.

Market analysts are also looking for improved money supply figures in the coming months. The detailed report that Theo Waigel, the finance minister, gave to the Bundesbank council a fortnight ago on progress towards a "solidarity pact" to achieve fiscal consolidation and slow pay growth, is also understood to have gone down well.

Alarmed by the deepening recession in Germany, the government has an obvious interest in making a domestic case for lower interest rates, even if the benefit to the German economy might be more psychological than real, given the country's practice of borrowing on long-term rates, which have been kept relatively low. Industrial production figures out yesterday showed output in west Germany down 1.8 per cent — a 3.7 per cent decline against the same month in 1991. The car industry, which has been protesting about its severe problems, fell sharply in December. The data underlined the recessionary scenario that has gripped Germany since last summer.

Horst Köhler, state secretary at the finance ministry, delivered Bonn's message in this week's *Der Spiegel*, which tends to set Germany's news agenda. He stressed the earnestness with which Germany's partners are treating the issue of rising unemployment and said German interest rates were "a problem for many".

The monetary dilemma for Germany, he said, was that inflation, money supply and pay data were inconsistent with the Bundesbank's goal of price stability. "On the other hand, nobody at the moment can wholly rule out a self-reinforcing recession," he said. But he said there was nothing in the Bundesbank legislation about price stability having to be achieved at the cost of massive recession.

Herr Köhler made clear the international case for the Bundesbank to lower its guard was in no doubt. The wider monetary and fiscal responsibility a unified Germany had as Europe's biggest economy was "a reality that the Bundesbank too could not step away from".

☐ Amid renewed German denials of responsibility for the punt's devaluation, Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, yesterday called for the establishment of the proposed European central bank in Frankfurt (Michael Binyon writes from Bonn).

Herr Kohl said siting the bank in Frankfurt, seat of the Bundesbank, was vital to help overcome German reluctance to accept the European currency unit in place of the mark.

Although commentators have asked why the Bundesbank did not support the punt as vigorously as the franc, senior German politicians have vigorously denied that Germany was to blame for the Irish currency's collapse. Herr Waigel rebutted Irish accusations that the Bundesbank left them in the lurch. He said the problems were not due to the bank's interest rate policy but to the lowering of British base rates.

Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, also rejected the charges, and said the European monetary system was a success, despite recent turbulence. The system could work if the rules were observed, he said.

Oftel backtracks on 2% price-cut ruling for BT

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

■ BT claims directory enquiries charges have failed to compensate for a 6 per cent reduction in charges for local, national and international calls made in 1991

BT will trim its prices by an average of less than 1 per cent by the summer. The cuts, worth £75 million to its 26 million customers, are likely to be made in the form of volume discounts instead of direct reductions in its average basket of prices.

BT has persuaded its regulator, Oftel, to draw back from its pronouncement in December that the company would have to cut prices by 2 per cent by July to comply with regulatory requirements.

BT has always said it would comply with the regulator's requirement that it cut prices this year by inflation minus 6.25 percentage points. Since inflation stood at 3.9 per cent at the end of June 1992, when the pricing year began, BT in theory would have had to lop an average of 2 per cent off its prices.

In December, when BT unveiled a series of price changes — including a freeze on call charges, an extension of its volume discount scheme and optional pricing packages — Oftel responded that a further 2 per cent cut in the basket of prices was needed.

However, the regulator has accepted BT's argument that the company has been unable to compensate for a 6 per cent reduction in charges for local, national and international calls, introduced in April 1991, by charging for its directory enquiry service. Oftel had agreed to the introduction of directory charges as part of BT's attempts to rebalance its tariffs, on the understanding that the company would use the cash to fund the price reduction.

The basket of prices includes exchange line rental; inland and international direct-dialled and operator calls; basic LinkLine charges, for services such as freephone numbers; charges for directory enquiries; and the discounted pricing package first made available to customers in September 1991. Under the present pricing regime, BT is permitted to include volume discounts in its basket of charges.

However, from the summer — when the new pricing structure, which requires BT to cut charges by inflation minus 7.5 percentage points, comes into force — enhancements to these special discount prices will be excluded from the basket.

The two sides will spend the next few weeks working out the exact percentage cut in tariffs needed from BT this year.

BT is keen to extend its volume discount scheme. In December Michael Hepher, the company's group managing director, said there would be more special pricing packages this year, aimed at encouraging customers to make more telephone calls.


JULIAN HERBERT

Travelled to the top: Martin Broughton, the new BAT chief executive

BAT announces split roles for chairman and chief executive

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

BAT, the tobacco and financial services group, is to split the roles of chairman and chief executive by appointing Martin Broughton, 45, as chief executive and deputy chairman from April 1.

Sir Patrick Sheehy, 62, will remain as chairman, albeit part-time. He will also take a cut from the £638,000 pay reported in the last set of accounts. He will lose £58,000 of bonuses and take a cut in basic pay although the BAT remuneration committee is yet to recommend by how much. His earnings after October 1, when his present contract runs out, will be non-pensionable.

He said yesterday: "Dividing the roles of chairman and chief executive is very much a new and untried development in the 90-year history of BAT Industries. The board will review its appropriateness in two or three years' time when I intend to retire."

Originally Sir Patrick was expected to retire in September 1990 when he reached 60, the normal retirement age at BAT. But at the May 1990 annual meeting, after conclusion of the demergers and disposals that followed the unsuccessful bid by Sir James Goldsmith, shareholders were told Sir Patrick would stay on until September 1993.

BAT said yesterday that the nominating committee of non-executive directors had asked Sir Patrick to stay on. But the so-called chairman's committee at BAT, responsible for day-to-day issues, will be re-named the chief executive's committee.

Mr Broughton started at BAT in 1971 as a travelling auditor in South Africa, Argentina, Bangladesh and Hong Kong, then became finance director of the Brazilian operation. He became finance director of Eagle Star in 1985 and joined the BAT board in 1988. He is now managing director of finacial services and chairman of Eagle Star. He currently earns £325,000 but is expected to receive a rise.

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Dixons changes board in America

Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, the electronics retailer, denied that a boardroom reshuffle at Silo, its loss-making American subsidiary foreshadows a withdrawal from across the Atlantic.

Dixons announced that the board was replacing Robert Sirkis, Silo's president, with Peter Morris, the group property director and a member of the retail management group.

Dixons last month announced it was closing 45 stores in the Midwest, and remodelling and relocating some stores. Interim profits at Dixons' American offshoot rose to £14.9 million from £10.9 million.

Fyffes slips on currency deals

Fyffes, the Irish-based produce group whose banana brand name is believed to be the oldest in the world, suffered from a 16 per cent currency translation difference in the year ended October 31, which checked the group's 1992 sales and earnings.

Yearly sales were Ir£524.3 million (£540.5 million) against Ir£607.9 million, and the group's pre-tax profits turned out at Ir£28.5 million (Ir£27.1 million) The final dividend is raised 10 per cent to Ir0.8978p, making Ir1.2527p. The group spent Ir£19 million on capital additions during the 1992 financial year. Tempus, page 25.

Airline flies on

America West, flying under bankruptcy protection and due to file a debt re-organisation plan this month, has been given its fifth extension of extra time. The airline, based in Phoenix, ranked among the top ten US operators, went into bankruptcy protection 18 months ago, but was given $61 million of fresh loans last summer. The airline has been in the red for more than three years, losing a total of $420 million.

BP Energy deal

BP Energy has won Britain's largest energy management contract, to oversee all energy services at Ford's 346-acre Halewood site, which makes Escort and Orion models on Merseyside. The deal, worth £1 million a year to BP, is expected to cut Ford's £10.5 million-a-year gas and electricity bills by half a million pounds or more after BP's fees.

IMI halts buy

IMI, the Midlands industrial engineering group, has pulled out of the acquisition of the industrial valves arm of Sulzer Thermtec of Switzerland. IMI said that during due diligence "certain facts emerged which meant IMI and Sulzer were unable to reach agreement on terms and the proposed acquisition will not now take place".

Mellow sold

Southern Radio Group has sold Mellow 1557, its subsidiary station that holds the AM licence in Tendring, Essex, to a consortium led by David Cocks, a former managing director of Suffolk Group Radio.

Reed seeks exit from BSkyB

BY OUR CITY EDITOR

REED International said it was in "active discussions" with Pearson, Chargeurs and Granada, the three other principal shareholders in BSB Holdings, about the possible sale to them of its indirect 3.66 per cent interest in BSkyB.

The negotiations, Reed said, had arisen in connection with arrangements for refinancing the £450 million guaranteed loan facility which certain shareholders of BSB Holdings have been supporting since 1990.

Reed said that if agreement was reached, it would sell its interests to Pearson, Chargeurs and Granada, which would also assume responsibility for its guarantees.

Peter Davis, chairman of Reed International, said that in May 1991, the company had decided not to join its partners in putting more funds into BSkyB. "We agreed at that stage that while we would no longer take any active part in the management of the venture, we would continue to provide financial support via our guarantees. The merger with Elsevier confirmed this view of our strategic priorities."

Granada and Pearson have called extraordinary meetings for February 18 to approve continuing BSkyB borrowing guarantees and any further liabilities arising from a deal with Reed.

News International holds 50 per cent of BSkyB.

Hoover 'poaching' denied

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of the AEEU engineering union denied "poaching" jobs from France as the international dispute over Hoover's decision to relocate from Dijon to Glasgow forced John Major to defend Britain's stance in the Commons.

Jimmy Airlie, a member of the union executive, rebuffed French newspaper reports that the union had undercut French workers to provide Hoover with a special deal. "We have done nothing to be ashamed of," he said.

Mr Airlie said Hoover workers at Cambuslang had accepted a pay freeze and the introduction of flexible working to encourage the company to concentrate manufacture of vacuum cleaners for the whole of Europe on the site. Such deals were commonplace in British industry, he said. French ministers have accused Britain of "social dumping", using weak labour laws to lure Hoover to relocate in a move that will cost the jobs of 700 French workers.

The prime minister, in a rare show of support for British unions, quoted Mr Airlie's enthusiasm for the deal. Industry, he said, "will locate where it can be most efficient and most competitive". He linked Britain's success in attracting investment to its rejection of the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty on European union.

Union leaders are furious that Britain's decision to opt out of the chapter is turning them into the scapegoats of the European trade union movement. Mr Airlie and John Weakley, a fellow AEEU executive member, expect to be given a rough ride by French trade unionists at a meeting in Brussels tomorrow of the International Metalworkers' Federation.

Bill Jordan, president of the AEEU, dismissed the debate over the social chapter as a red herring. "It is something that politicians are using for party political purposes in Britain and France," he said.

Mr Airlie insisted that existing Hoover workers at Cambuslang would be better off as a result of the deal. Under outline terms, revealed yesterday, the standard working week will be 37 hours and ten minutes.

One-off payments of up to £2,200 will compensate workers as the company phases out shift working. Departmental demarcation will be abolished and the union has agreed not to call strikes unless the disputes procedure has been exhausted.

Guinness fee 'agreed verbally'

BY JON ASHWORTH

AN AGREEMENT to pay £5.2 million to Thomas Ward for his work during the bid for Distillers was never put down in writing, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday. The agreement between Mr Ward and Ernest Saunders, former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, was struck verbally, the court heard.

There was no documentary evidence to support it because "that's not the way we do business", Mr Ward said. Mr Ward, 53, denies stealing £5.2 million from Guinness. Giving evidence for the second day, he was asked by Victor Temple, for the Crown, whether he had not been obliged, as a director of Guinness, to disclose his success fee.

Mr Ward said it was his understanding that the fee would be disclosed in the company accounts.

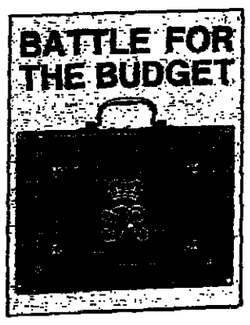
Mr Temple asked: "Did it not occur to you that this agreement should be made known to other members of the board?" Mr Ward replied: "No, it never crossed my mind."

The court heard of a meeting with William Dwyer, an American lawyer, in March 1986, during which the success fee was mentioned. Mr Temple asked why Mr Ward had not referred to the meeting when previously questioned about the absence of a written agreement. Mr Ward said he had not thought it necessary.

The trial continues today.

Chambers urge export boost

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR



NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, should aim to encourage exports and investment as the route to sustainable economic growth and new jobs in his Budget, says the British Chambers of Commerce in its Budget submission.

But the chambers gave warning that if the Chancellor failed to deliver a Budget that provided the stable environment business needs, the tentative improvements in exports and confidence could be reversed.

In a letter to the Chancellor, the chambers group says signs of recovery across the economy "remain fragile" and the indications of improvement "should not mask the continuing deep problems faced by industry at home".

Christopher Stewart-Smith, chambers president, says "a domestic consumer-led recovery will not be sustainable so long as there continue to be fears for employment and a background of falling domestic property values. The immediate priorities must be to encourage exports and investment as the route to sustainable growth and new opportunities for employment."

At their meeting with Mr Lamont, due soon, the chambers will argue for the need for stability, a reduction of taxation compliance costs and the simplification of taxation systems.

They will urge the Chancellor to merge the PAYE and NIC systems, to return Vat to the idea of a "simple tax" that business collects on behalf of the Exchequer, to give further consideration to the complete abolition of inheritance tax, and to cut corporation tax to the same level as basic rate income tax.

Restrictions on advanced corporation tax should be removed, they say, and the thresholds on capital gains tax reviewed.

☐ In the Budget, the Chancellor should neither index, nor increase, the duty on spirits if the collapse of Scotch whisky sales in the UK is to be halted, the Scotch Whisky Association argues in its Budget submission.

The association says the rate of decline in Scotch whisky sales has accelerated over the past three years, with sales falling by 12 million bottles in the present year.

It claims that unfair tax treatment of Scotch — a single spirit measure attracts duty of 23p, almost twice the tax of 12p applied to a standard glass of wine with the same alcohol content — is undermining its ability to compete in the drinks market on fair terms.

Liddell seeks Scottish links with US

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

HELEN Liddell, the former general-secretary of the Labour party in Scotland, is to be chief executive of the Business Venture Programme, an initiative sponsored by Scottish Enterprise and Glasgow Development Agency.

The aim of the programme is to link Scottish executives keen to run their own businesses with small companies in America that are looking for a European market for their products. Mrs Liddell, who was until recently corporate affairs director of the *Scottish Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail*, said: "We have access to the products and to companies in the States anxious to enter into partnerships, joint ventures, whatever. What we need are the teams.

"We can link together like-minded people of proven ability who want to run their own business and give them a chance of a lifetime. For 20 years there has been a collective moan about the dearth of entrepreneurs in Scotland. This initiative will turn that around".

The Business Venture Programme already has a bank of 140 products developed by medium-sized American companies that are looking for access to the European market.


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STOCK MARKET

Clinton factor hits drug firms

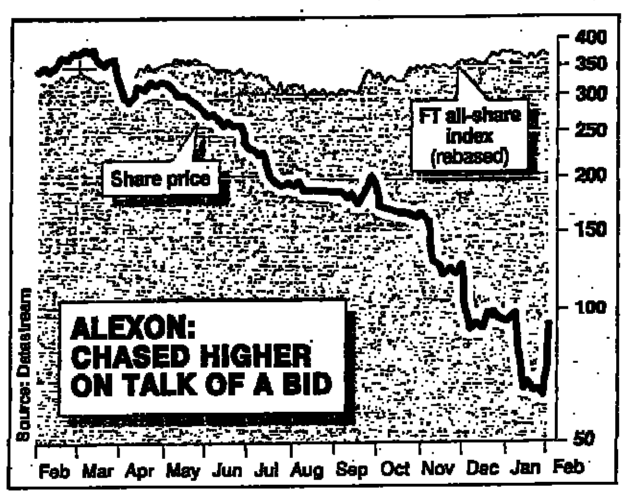
SHARES of leading British pharmaceutical companies fell sharply as American investors sold heavily amid growing concern about the impact of President Clinton's policies on drug sales.

In the past few weeks, he has promised to stop drug companies overcharging and is now proposing to investigate the internal workings of the American medical system. But brokers in London claim this latest setback is also the result of the pound's renewed weakness. That seemed to be the case yesterday with **Glaxo** falling 23p to 655p. **SmithKline Beecham** 'A' 15p to 482p and **Wellcome** 23p to 853p. The Americans may be selling, but Andrew Porter, at Nikko, reckons British investors should exploit this opportunity to top up their holdings.

Only **Fisons** managed to make headway, adding 5p to 224p, on revived talk of a bid. In fact, this latest flurry of institutional support stemmed from a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. It is forecasting a recovery in sales and a reduction in the cost of restructuring. The pound's devaluation should also provide a boost, but there is still no sign of the benefits accruing from any economic revival in either Japan or the US.

Medeva, the fast growing pharmaceutical group, slipped 2p to 219p after paying £11.6 million for Institut de Recherche Corbière, the French drugs company. The deal is another step towards expanding its European interests.

The enthusiasm that carried the equity market to within 10 points of its all-time high on Monday boiled over. Talk of another imminent cut in bank base rates appears to have been put on the back burner, for the time being, in spite of further weakness by the pound against both the mark and dollar.



ALEXON: CHASED HIGHER ON TALK OF A BID

The FT-SE 100 index closed near its low for the day, 17.2 points lower at 2,834.4, in the wake of an easier trend on Wall Street in resumed trading. But an increase in two-way trading lifted turnover to 854 million shares. Among leaders, **Grand Metropolitan** eased 6p to 435p, in spite of news that Standard & Poor's, the rating agency, had increased its rating for long-term debt from A to A-plus.

Rank Organisation suffered an early markdown but recovered to close off the bottom with a fall of 2p to 708p. Dealers say that a new interpretation of the accountancy rules was responsible for the initial nervousness. Some brokers are suggesting that if these news rules are adopted, Rank will only be able to take account on its balance sheet of dividend payments from Rank Xerox and not profit contributions.

BAT Industries remained a volatile market, with the price slipping 5p to 973p, as Sir Patrick Sheehy, the chairman, announced he was relinquishing the role of chief executive. **Rothmans International 'B'** also lost ground, 11p to 615p.

Alexon, the troubled fashion retailer, surged 14p to 88p in response to claims that rival Next is about to launch a £100 million bid for the company. Next has the financial muscle to make such a move and, according to analysts, is in need of making a substantial acquisition to boost its recovery programme. Alexon has struggled since its demerger from Claremont and its share price has fallen from about 250p during the past year. It recently gave a profits warning and cancelled the dividend. Next, down 3p at 140½p, commented: "It's just not going to happen. It's not even under consideration."

The water companies attracted selective support as investors compared their rating's with the likely return on money left on deposit. There were gains for **Anglian**, 5p to 470p, **Northumbrian**, 5p to 553p, **Southern**, 7p to 462p, **South West**, 3p to 489p, **Thames**, 4p to 480p, **Welsh**, 10p to 516p, **Wessex**, 6p to 559p, and the **nil-paid** 6p to 82p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Graseby, up 10p at 170p, has secured orders totalling £3 million from two American utilities. The deals are likely to add weight to analysts' claims that the dividend will be maintained, despite being uncovered.

British Gas fell 7½p to 284p as a large line of stock went through the market. Warburg Securities is thought to have placed 6 million shares at about the 286p level. By the close of business, 14 million shares had changed hands.

BRITISH FUNDS

THE prospect of another early cut in interest rates remained at the forefront of sentiment in the bond market where prices continued to make headway.

The Bank of England took advantage of the market's continued strength to supply some of this week's issue of conventional stocks, including Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 and Treasury 10 per cent 2001. But index-linked issues remained out of favour.

At the longer end of the market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 climbed 15 ticks to £102 31/32, while in shorts, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 eased ⅛ to £111⅝.

On the futures market, the March series of the Long Gilt touched a high for the day of £102 5/32 before the sellers moved in. It finished 13 ticks higher, at £102 1/16, as a total of 33,304 contracts were completed.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12% 1993	103	...	12.13	5.61
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.52
107	103	Treas 13% 1993	106	...	12.93	5.53
102	96	Treas 8% 1994	102	...	8.26	5.44
110	104	Treas 14% 1994	109	...	13.28	5.59
110	103	Exch 13% 1994	109	...	12.36	5.64
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.47	5.62
110	103	Exch 12% 1994	110	...	11.36	5.72
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	...	8.53	5.71
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	...	10.78	5.85
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.11	4.54
109	99	Exch 10% 1995	109	...	9.35	5.97
116	106	Treas 12% 1995	116	-	10.94	6.11
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	...	11.65	6.38
125	113	Treas 15% 1996	125	+	12.19	6.52
119	108	Exch 13% 1996	119	+	11.09	6.52
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	110	-	9.01	6.63
122	109	Treas 13% 1997	121	-	10.87	6.80
113	100	Exch 10% 1997	112	-	9.29	6.74
108	94	Treas 8% 1997	107	-	8.13	6.74
131	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	-	11.41	7.00
111	97	Exch 9% 1998	111	-	8.73	6.90
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7% 1998	101	-	7.14	6.76
100	86	Treas 6% 1995-98	99	-	6.76	6.76
137	123	Treas 15% 1998	136	-	11.32	7.36
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	121	-	9.90	7.39
111	97	Treas 9% 1999	110	...	8.57	7.20
123	109	Exch 12% 1999	122	-	9.98	7.53
116	101	Treas 10% 1999	115	...	9.09	7.33
115	100	Conv 10% 1999	114	-	8.93	7.40
109	94	Conv 9% 2000	108	-	8.28	7.38
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	128	-	10.14	7.90
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	112	-	8.86	7.80
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	-	10.91	7.41
111	98	Treas 9% 2002	111	-	8.77	8.03
25	21	Treas 8% 2003	25	-	7.99	7.95
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.89	8.18

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
120	107	Treas 11% 2001-04	119	-	9.62	8.13
70	59	Fund 3% 1999-04	70	+	4.98	7.36
109	96	Conv 9% 2004	108	+	8.76	8.33
109	96	Conv 9% 2005	108	+	8.77	8.37
128	116	Treas 12% 2003-05	127	-	9.80	8.52
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	+	8.21	8.37
122	110	Treas 11% 2003-07	121	-	9.66	8.46
100	89	Treas 8% 2007	100	+	8.49	8.48
135	123	Treas 13% 2004-08	134	-	10.03	8.58
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
104	93	Treas 9% 2008	103	+	8.67	8.52
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	94	+	8.43	8.58
103	93	Conv 9% 2011	103	+	8.74	8.67
103	93	Treas 9% 2012	102	-	8.74	8.68
72	62	Treas 5% 2008-12	72	+	7.63	8.43
92	81	Treas 7% 2012-15	91	+	8.44	8.57
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	129	+	9.30	8.90
101	91	Treas 8% 2017	99	+	8.94	8.77
		UNDATED				
45	39	Consols 4%	45	-	8.89	...
40	35	War Ln 3%	39	+	8.85	...
63	59	Conv 3%	61	...	5.66	...
29	24	Consols 2%	29	...	8.40	...
29	24	Treas 2%	28	+	8.78	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	...	...	0.97
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	-	1.60	2.31
108	100	Treas IL 4% 1998	107	-	2.42	2.98
163	139	Treas IL 2% 2001	163	-	2.93	3.27
159	135	Treas IL 2% 2003	159	-	3.09	3.38
109	101	Treas IL 4% 2004	108	-	3.25	3.53
163	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	162	-	3.33	3.55
147	124	Treas IL 2% 2009	147	-	3.50	3.69
152	129	Treas IL 2% 2011	151	-	3.55	3.73
126	108	Treas IL 2% 2013	124	-	3.60	3.76
133	112	Treas IL 2% 2016	132	-	3.64	3.79
128	107	Treas IL 2% 2020	127	-	3.69	3.82
106	88	Treas IL 2% 2024	105	-	3.71	3.84
107	91	Treas IL 4% 2030	105	-	3.72	3.85

WALL STREET

Blue chips shrug off economic indicators

New York — Shares remained slightly lower in mid-morning trading with investors taking profits rather than buying on news of better than expected economic data.

Shares largely shrugged off a better than expected 1.9 per cent rise in December leading indicators and a 6.3 per cent rise in new single-family home sales for December.

The *Dow Jones* industrial average was down 8.64 points at 3,323.54 in mid-morning trading.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended modestly firmer after retreating from earlier highs, in slow-moving trade. The Nikkei average closed up 52.67 points, or 0.31 per cent, at 17,186.31, with an estimated 240 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed lower in quiet trading with buying interest thinned by a lingering dispute between China and Britain over Hong Kong's political reform plan, brokers said: The Hang Seng index fell 35.25 points to close at 5,662.53.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index closed at a high for the third consecutive trading day, dealers said. The index ended at 1,645.68, up 1.24 points.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares shrugged off strong gains overseas and improved balance of payments figures to close barely up on the day. The All-Ordinaries index closed 1.1 points higher at 1,530.2.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended a session of narrow price swings mostly a fraction easier as some profit-taking set in after Monday's rally. The Dax index ended at 1,583.09, down 0.1 per cent or 2.07 points. *(Reuter)*

	Feb 2 midday	Feb 1 close
AMP Inc	57	58
AMR Corp	63	63
Abbott Labs	26	27
Aetna Life	52	52
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19
Air Prod & Chem	45	44
Albertson's	49	49
Alcan Alumnm	18	18
Alco Standard	40	40
Allied Signal	58	58
Alum Co of Am	72	73
Amax	18	18
Amerada Hess	49	49
Amer Brands	36	36
Amer Cyanamid	52	53
Amer El Power	34	34
Amer Express	24	24
Amer Genl Corp	58	59
Amer Home Pr	62	62
Amer Intl	119	119
Amer Stores	43	44
Amer T & T	53	54
Ameritech	73	72
Amoco	52	53
Anheuser-Busch	58	59
Apple Computer	61	61
Archer Daniels	26	25
Arkla	7	7
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	32	32
Asarco	26	26
Ashland Oil	26	26
Atl Richfield	117	118
Auto Data Pro	52	53
Avery Dennison	26	27
Avon Products	58	58
Baker Hughes	20	20
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	51	50
BankAmerica	53	53
Bank of NY	56	57
Bankers Tr NY	67	67
Barnett Banks	42	43
Bausch & Lomb	53	54
Baxter Intl	30	30
Becton Dicknsn	79	79
Bell Atlantic	52	52
BellSouth	52	52
Black & Decker	17	17
Block (H&R)	38	38
Boeing	35	36
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	26	26
Bristol Myrs Sqr	58	59
Browning Ferris	28	28
Burlington Nthn	46	46
CBS	190	189
CNA Financial	96	96
CPC Intl	46	47
CSX	75	75
Campbell Soup	41	41
Can Pacific	12	12
Cptl Cities ABC	495	498
Cptl Holdings	77	77
Carolina Pwr	29	29
Caterpillar	56	56
Central & SW	30	30
Champion Intl	29	29
Chase Manhat	30	30
Chemical Bk	41	41
Chevron Corp	73	73
Chrysler	38	38
Chubb Corp	89	90
Cigna Corp	64	64
Citicorp	25	25
Clorox	45	45
Coastal Corp	24	24
Coca Cola	42	43
Colgate-Palmolive	57	56
Columbia Gas	19	20
Commonw Ed	25	26
Compaq Comp	53	53
Comp Ass Int	24	25
Conagra	30	31
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	46	45
Cons Rail	54	53
Cooper Inds	48	49
Corning Inc	35	36
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	47	47
Dayton Hudson	79	78
Deere	46	49
Delta Air Lines	51	51
Deluxe Corp	43	43
Detroit Edison	34	34
Digital Equip	43	43
Dillard Dept St	48	48
Disney (Walt)	45	45
Dominion Res	40	40
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	45	45
Dow Chemicals	54	53
Dow Jones	29	29
Dresser	18	18
Duke Power	35	36
Dun & Brdstreet	57	57
Du Pont	46	46
Eastman Kodak	49	49
Eaton Corp	77	78

	Feb 2 midday	Feb 1 close
Emerson Elec	54	54
Engelhard Corp	37	38
Enron Corp	51	50
Ensergy Corp	34	34
Ethyl Corp	25	25
Exxon	61	61
FMC Corp	48	48
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	57	57
Fed Nat Mtge	80	80
First Chicago	42	41
First Interstate	50	50
First Union Rty	10	10
Fleet Finl Grp	32	32
Fluor Corp	43	43
Ford Motor	46	47
GTE Corp	34	34
Gannett	53	54
Gap Inc Del	35	35
Gen Cinema	36	36
Gen Dynamics	114	114
Gen Electric	85	86
Gen Mills	67	67
Gen Motors	37	38
Gen Reinsurance	121	122
Gen Signal	64	64
Genuine Parts	36	35
Georgia Pac	61	61
Gillette	55	54
Glaxo ADR	18	19
Goodrich (BF)	49	49
Goodyear Tire	70	69
Grace (W&R)	38	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	22	22
Great Wstn Fin	18	18
Halliburton	30	30
Heinz (HJ)	42	42
Hercules	67	66
Hershey Foods	49	48
Hewlett Packard	73	73
Hilton Hotels	49	48
Home Depot	66	66
Homestake	10	10
Honeywell	31	32
Household Intl	63	63
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	20	20
ITT Corp	72	72
Illinois Tool	69	67
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	33	33
Inland Steel	23	23
Intel Corp	110	111
IBM	52	52
Intl Flav & Fr	109	107
Intl Paper	63	63
James River Va	16	17
Jnsn & Jhnsn	43	43
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	62	62
Kerr-McGee	45	45
Kimberly-Clark	59	58
Knight-Ridder	61	63
Lilly (Eli)	55	56
Limited Inc	29	28
LIN Brdcstng	81	80
Lincoln Nat	72	72
Liton	47	47
Liz Claiborne	39	39
Lockheed Corp	56	55
Louisiana Pac	70	70
MCI Commun	40	40
Marriott	24	24
Marsh & McLnn	91	91
Martin Marietta	69	69
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	74	72
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	34	33
McDonalds	49	49
McDonnell D	56	56
McGraw Hill	61	62
Mead Corp	38	38
Medtronic	90	89
Mellon Bk	56	56
Melville Corp	51	51
Merck Inc	37	38
Merrill Lynch	67	68
Minnesota Mine	99	98
Mobil Corp	63	64
Monsanto	53	53
Morgan (JP)	60	60
Motorola Inc	54	53
Natl Medical	10	10
Natl Semi	11	11
Natl Service Ind	26	27
Navistar Int	2	3
NBD Bancorp	33	33
NY Times A	29	29
Newmont Mng	38	37
Niag Mohawk	20	20
Nike B	83	84
NL Industries	4	5
Nordstrom	41	42
Norfolk Sthrn	63	63
Nthn State Pwr	44	44
Norwest Corp	45	45
Nynex Corp	83	84
Occidental Pet	18	18
Ohio Edison	23	23

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Oracle Systems	33	33
Oryx Energy Co	19	19
PNC Financial	30	30
PPG Industries	62	62
Paccar Inc	59	59
Pacificorp	20	20
Pac Enterprises	19	20
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	45	45
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	19	19
Paramnt Comm	47	46
Parker Hannifin	32	32
Penney (JC)	73	73
Pennzoil	52	52
Pepsico	41	42
Pfizer	63	66
Phelps Dodge	50	50
Philadel Elec	28	27
Philip Morris	75	75
Phillips Pet	26	27
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	27	27
Price Co	37	37
Primerica	54	54
Procter & Gmbl	50	50
Pub Serv E & G	32	32
Quaker Oats	65	65
Ralston Purina	49	49
Raychem Corp	38	38
Raytheon	53	53
Reebok Intl	36	35
Reynolds Metals	52	52
Roadway Srvcs	70	70
Rockwell Intl	29	29
Rohm & Haas	55	54
Royal Dutch	81	81
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	62	62
St Paul's Cos	79	78
Salomon Inc	37	37
Santa Fe S Pac	14	14
Sara Lee Corp	28	28
Seccorp	44	45
Schering Plough	58	60
Schlumberger	59	58
Scott Paper	38	38
Seagram	25	25
Sears Roebuck	50	49
Shell Trans	50	50
Sherwin Wlms	31	31
Skyline Corp	22	22
Snap-On-Tools	32	32
Southern Co	38	39
Sthwestern Bell	70	70
Sprint Corp	27	26
Stanley Works	41	41
Sun Company	29	29
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	34	34
Syntex Corp	20	20
Sysco Corp	25	26
TRW Inc	53	53
Tandem Comp	13	13
Tandy Corp	26	26
Telecom Corp	2	3
Teledyne	18	19
Temple Inland	48	48
Tenneco	41	40
Texaco	60	60
Texas Inst	55	56
Texas Utilities	43	43
Textron	43	43
Time Warner	33	34
Times-Mirror	32	32
Timken	29	29
Torchmark	61	61
Toys R Us	38	38
Transamerica	49	49
Travelers Corp	30	29
Tribune	50	52
Tyco Labs	46	46
UAL Corp	125	124
UST Inc	32	31
USX Marathon	18	17
Unilever NV	105	105
Union Camp	45	45
Union Carbide	17	17
Union Pacific	60	60
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	14	14
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	40	39
US West	39	39
United Tech	48	47
Unocal Corp	26	25
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	54	54
Wal-Mart Stores	65	65
Warner-Lambert	64	65
Waste Mgmnt Inc	38	38
Wells Fargo	95	96
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	42	42
Whirlpool	46	46
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	74	74
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	30
Xerox	84	84

Pepe shares delisted in rescue plan

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

PEPE Group, the troubled jeans maker, has had its Unlisted Securities Market-listed shares cancelled after resolutions required to effect the group's recent rescue open offer and proposed delisting were passed at Monday's extraordinary meeting.

In December, Pepe stunned the market when its much-delayed results for the year to end-March 1992 showed a £10.1 million pre-tax loss (£2.74 million restated profit), accompanied with a £9.1 million rescue open offer, at 5p a share, and plans for the delisting.

Only 0.5 per cent of shareholders, who had been warned in the company's circular that there was "no certainty a turnround could be achieved", decided to accept Pepe's open offer, leaving the balance with the underwriters, which is led by SML but also includes members of the founding Shah family.

SML is a consortium comprising of Silas Chou, Pepe's chairman, who replaced Arun Shah, the founder of the group, Maurice Marciano, the former president of Guess Jeans, who is now Pepe's vice-chairman and chief executive, Laurence Stroll, Pepe's chief executive, who is a director of Tommy Hilfiger, the American clothing group, and Novel, a Hong Kong textile company that bought a 29.6 per cent stake in Pepe last March. Mr Shah remains a Pepe director.

Pepe, which employs 800 people worldwide and is understood to have had debts of about £30 million, said that all conditions, including the provision of new banking facilities, have also been satisfied, allowing the recapitalisation to be successfully completed.

Pepe's rescue followed an ill-timed and badly managed international expansion, after becoming the leading UK jeans brand behind Levi's in the late eighties.

Andrew Davidson, a non-executive director at Pepe, admitted that the group's future survival contains an element of risk, but he stressed that Pepe intends to "get back on its feet", with longer-term plans to either relist the company or sell it. "It's obviously a big incentive. It may turn out to be a marvellous success, or it may turn out to be something else," he said.

A spokesman for Pepe's merchant bankers said: "Potentially the returns are high, but the risks are there as well."

Pepe's shares, which touched a high of 106p last year, last traded at 6p, against 9p at the time of the open offer.

RECENT ISSUES

Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst 107	...	
Intl Food Machinery (51)	63	+1
Mauritius Fund (£10¼)	£10⅛	...
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	66	+2
Prime People Warrants	1½	...
Scottish Asian Warrants	235	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

ASDA n/p (53)	9¼	-1
Burton n/p (60)	14½	+1
Property Trust p/p (25)	16	+1
Stakis n/p (32)	10½	-½
Wessex Water N/P (480)	82	+6

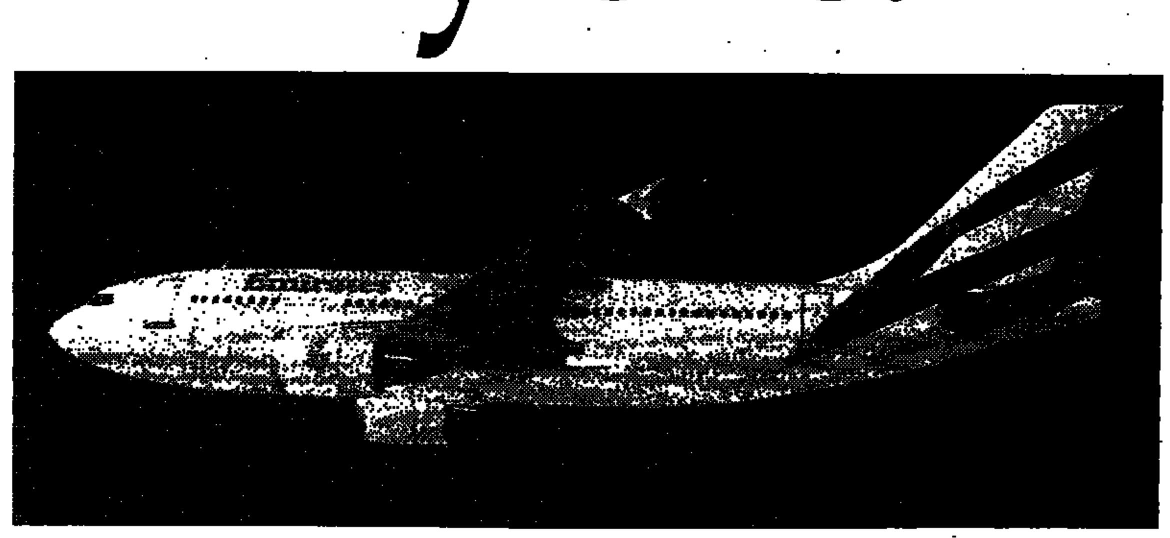
MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
SG Warburg .... 615p (+15p)
Spirax-Sarco .... 343p (+13p)
Euromoney Pub .... 958p (+15p)
Liberty Life .... 997p (+34p)
FALLS:
Allied Lyons .... 579p (-10p)
Pearson .... 370p (-14p)
Watts Blake .... 450p (-15p)
Thomson Corp .... 715p (-20p)
Wellcome .... 853p (-23p)
Lloyds Abbey .... 448p (-16p)

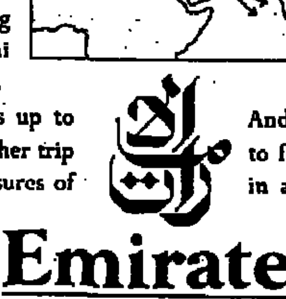
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Company Number: 2189690
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SUPERSTORES PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors will be held at The Westbury Hotel, Conduit Street, London, W1 on 8th February 1993 at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 and 100 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a proxy, together with a statement of their debt, at the offices of Robson Rhodes, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4UU not later than 1200 hours noon on 5th February 1993.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at the offices of Robson Rhodes, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4UU on 4th and 5th February 1993 between the hours of 1000 and 1600 hours.
Dated this 27th day of January 1993.
A M MENZIES, Joint Liquidator.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 00510 OF 1993
IN THE MATTER OF KYNOCH GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 15th day of January 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account and reduction of the ordinary share capital of the above-named Company.
AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Wednesday, 10th day of February 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account and reduction of the ordinary share capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 2nd day of February 1993.
RICHARDS BUTLER
Beaufort House 15 St Botolph Street London EC3A 7EE
Ref: JAK/ALR
Solicitors for the above-named company

No. 0011356 1992
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF TOKYU TRAVEL (EUROPE) LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 13th day of January 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named company from £200,000 to £200 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 26th day of January 1993.
Dated this 3rd day of February 1993.
KINGSFORD STACEY
14 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn LONDON WC2A 3UB
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
VENT LIMITED
Registered number: 01012906. Former company name: Geoffrey Pike Limited. Nature of business: Stonemason - this business has been sold and is now operated by Geoffrey Pike Ltd (Reg. No. 2684250). Trade classification: 28. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 21 January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: 1. London and Strathclyde Trust Plc. 2. English and Caledonian Investment Plc. 3. The Gartmore 1990 Fund. Joint Administrative Receivers: M Stevenson & P Mills (office holder nos: 8164 and 7948). Address: Smith & Williamson 1 Riding House Street London W1A 3AS.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receivers
In the matter of:
Company Name: Queen Anne Street Nominees Limited.
Reg. no. 1020846.
Rosehaugh Agency Limited.
Reg. no. 600657.
and in the matter of The Insolvency Act 1986
Nature of Business: Business Services. Trade. Classification: 38. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 25 January 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: JAG Alexander and RH Oldfield (Office holder nos: 5063 and 2515) P O Box 730 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP.

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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receivers
In the matter of:
Company Name: Worldsave Limited. Reg. no. 2569782.
Portbury Developments Limited. Reg. no. 1418577.
and in the matter of The Insolvency Act 1986
Nature of Business: Property development and trading. Trade Classification: 35. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 25 January 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: JAG Alexander and RH Oldfield (Office holder nos: 5063 and 2515) P O Box 730 20 Farringdon Street. London EC4A 4PP.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
GLOBEGALE ASSOCIATES LIMITED
Registered number: 2419449. Trading name: Town House Hotel. Nature of business: Hotel. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 25 January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Woolwich Building Society. Joint Administrative receivers: Roger Arthur Powdrill and Robert Wight Wilson (office holder nos: 002692 and 008235). Address Touche Ross & Co., Friary Court 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP and Touche Ross & Co., 39 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2QQ.

Notice of appointment of liquidator Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to Section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2661157. Name of company: Trafalgar & McEvans Ltd. Nature of business: Soap Manufacturer & Shipping Agents. Address of registered office: Treviot Hse, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1LQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co., Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1LQ. Office holder no: 002686. Date of appointment: 25 January 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 25th January 1993.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ALBANY ROOFING SERVICES LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to S46(1) of the said Act, that on 15th January 1993, P S Dunn and J B Stephenson of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF were appointed joint administrative receivers of the above company by National Westminster Bank Plc.
P S Dunn & J B Stephenson, Joint Administrative Receiver, (office holder nos: 2368 and 7245)
Dated this 20th day of January 1993.

Notice of appointment of liquidator Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to Section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2212709. Name of company: Justfayre Limited T/A Jeans-U-Like. Nature of business: Retail Jeans Shop. Address of registered office: 473 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 7AG. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co., Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1LQ. Office holder no: 002686. Date of appointment: 22 January 1993. By whom appointed: The Creditors. Date: 22 January 1993.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Direct Home Improvements Ltd AND Munro Interiors Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Meetings of the Creditors of the above named Companies will be held at Victoria Square, Victoria Street, St Albans, AL1 5SB on 11 February 1993, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.
During the period before the day of the meetings, John Roger Hill of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the companies affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED 28 January 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R GRAY, Director.

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2. A written notice of the intention to make application for a zoo licence, giving details about the proposed zoo, has been sent to the said council. This may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of the Council at Catherine Street, Whitehaven, Cumbria, between the hours of 9am and 5pm.
J. TEMPLE.

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Sharper airline competition must supplant 'dirty tricks'

Optimal use of runways at Heathrow would be in the best interests of both passengers and independent airlines, says Robert McCrindle


ADRIAN BROOKS

Team spirit: a continuing feud against British Airways will not help Richard Branson

Since the settlement of Virgin Atlantic's libel action against British Airways, hundreds of column inches have been devoted to civil aviation in Britain. Strong views have been expressed about the reprehensible nature of BA's "dirty tricks"; Lord King has apologised on more than one occasion and Virgin's Richard Branson has threatened to take his crusade against BA further. This week's BA board meeting is expected to see Lord King announcing his early departure and David Burnside, his communications director, also leaving. How regrettable it is that hardly any thought has been given to ways in which competition among British airlines can be generated and, in the process, how passengers' interests can best be served.

It is not enough that British Airways should draw up a code of conduct for its employees: that should, in conscience, have been in existence long ago. Nor will the threat of further action by Virgin against BA, aimed at undermining the proposed link with USAir, help Mr Branson, though it may damage "the world's favourite airline".

More radical measures will be needed if all British airlines are to prosper. Although, understandably, the transport secretary has kept a low profile these past few weeks, John MacGregor will be required to play a prominent role, together with the European Commission, if the UK is to benefit from the disagreeable episode.

At the heart of the matter lies the fact that if we are to maintain a viable second-force airline policy, independent carriers such as Virgin, British Midland and Air UK must be given the opportunity to operate from Heathrow. That in no way plays down the importance of Gatwick and Stansted, but the type of traffic they are likely to attract is outside the mainstream of the services that customers want. Perhaps irrationally, more people seem prepared to accept Heathrow's crowded conditions than face longer journeys to Gatwick and Stansted, the latter a haven of peace by comparison.

How, then, can we ensure smaller airlines have the opportunity to operate from Heathrow, when it is well known that slots are in short supply? Not by grabbing slots from British Airways; that, at best, would be substitution rather than competition. Not by relying on the recent inadequate EC regulation, which is so riddled with qualifications that it is unlikely to provide Mr Branson or Sir Michael Bishop of British Midland with more than a handful of extra slots. Only a bold initiative positively to raise the supply of slots to match the demand will suffice — and it could be achieved quickly.

In essence, the solution to the problem lies in better use of Heathrow's runways. Although, in the longer term, there is likely to be a need for extra runway capacity elsewhere in the South East, the competitive pressures of 1993 demand another, quicker solution. This could be achieved by what is known as mixed-mode operation. At present, at any one time, one of the two parallel runways at Heathrow is used for landings and the other for take-offs. But with modest air-traffic control system changes, there is no reason why both runways should not be used for landings and take-offs. There would be no need to alter Civil Aviation Authority safety rules on landings, which requires a separation of three miles between any two aircraft waiting to land. Safety would not be impaired, which is why the system already operates at Gatwick's single runway and why it has been operational at many US airports without incident, even though US regulations require a separation of only two and a half miles. At Heathrow, it could provide 75,000 extra slots.

There will, of course, be understandable opposition from environmentalists around Heathrow, who cannot be expected to welcome even more activity at the airport. But if Mr MacGregor really believes in encouraging British civil aviation, he will dust off the proposals along these lines which were submitted and peremptorily rejected by one of his predecessors. That was, in part, because the proposals by British Midland were linked to the extension of flying hours beyond midnight. But now Mr MacGregor is set to permit the quieter jets to fly in and out of Heathrow at night. So there will never be a better time to grasp the nettle and give competition a chance. Such a change of policy would not help only British independent carriers; foreign airlines would also be able to gain a fair share and a more liberal re-action to the US desire to make greater use of Heathrow would be possible, if only as a bargaining counter to help British Airways in its quest for deeper US involvement.

As a bonus, the impetus towards developing a rail service from Paddington would grow and the case for a fifth terminal would be enhanced. No doubt the opposition would be considerable but, sooner or later, the government will have to make up its mind on these problems. At least to explore mixed-mode use of Heathrow's runways would be a start.

Perhaps, while he is considering this weighty problem, Mr MacGregor might also like to give serious thought to Richard Branson's point about a new competition watchdog. At present, the Civil Aviation Authority discharges these duties, in addition to many others. There is surely a case for a body such as Ofwat or Ofgas to act as the consumers' protector and to do so with a much higher profile than the CAA. No doubt it will be said that, unlike gas and water, aviation is not a monopoly.

But neither, now, is telecommunications, and under the proposed railway privatisation there is to be a regulator to oversee the several operators envisaged. So would it not be beneficial to the consumer to have a specific regulator for civil aviation, working closely with the EC competition directorate?

Now is perhaps a good time to consider such a move, because the CAA is once again responsible for policing the price of Community-scheduled services under the recent regulatory changes. It would no doubt be a chastening experience for airlines to be subject to regulators such as those who have challenged the powers-that-be in British Gas and British Telecom. We should increase the competitive opportunities for airlines, while subjecting them to tougher regulatory supervision. That should keep them so busy they would have little time either for dirty tricks or continual whingeing.

Sir Robert McCrindle is a former chairman of the parliamentary aviation committee, and is now a consultant to several travel companies.

TEMPUS

DAF lacks driving force

DAF's name used to send shivers down the spines of British truck manufacturers, so there was a sense of heavy irony yesterday, when the company that came to the rescue of British Leyland's truck and van division in 1987 itself sought protection from its creditors.

Ironically, Leyland DAF, the UK subsidiary, now looks more saleable than the rest of DAF's beleaguered operations, although the workforce, currently at 5,500, is still too high. The devaluation of sterling has made Leyland more competitive with other countries and the UK truck market, unlike continental Europe, is expected to pick up in the coming year. Leyland produced 36,000 vehicles last year, and accounted for half DAF's sales.

Concocting a list of potential buyers for Leyland DAF is intriguing but futile. Why would any company want to buy Leyland or indeed any of DAF's operations, even at a bargain basement price? British engineering groups and conglomerates are hardly likely to mortgage their future on such a cyclical business.

The truck industry has been suffering from chronic overcapacity in recent years. The demise of DAF, which has nearly 10 per cent of the European market, would be a welcome shake-out. Lacking the scale of Volvo or Daimler-Benz, DAF's unit costs have always been uncompetitive. The company only has a sustainable financial future as part of a larger operation, yet it does not make commercial sense for one of its bigger competitors to buy it. There is no need for competitors to buy market share at premium prices, when it could be available for free.

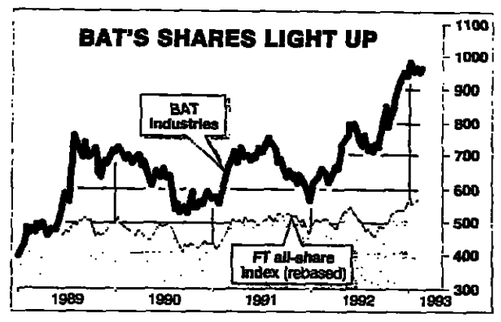
The episode may stir up the political instincts in the Dutch and Belgian governments to ensure DAF's survival but commercial logic is rapidly being submerged in an emotional debate.

BAT Industries

THE appointment of an occasional cigar puffer instead of a chain smoker as chief executive of BAT may appear to indicate a radical policy shift. In reality, Martin Broughton offers more of the same. He has learned his trade at Sir Patrick Sheehy's elbow for the last 22 years, so the group is unlikely to deviate far from its tobacco and financial services businesses.

But Mr Broughton must address the group's latent ACT problem. The group's tax charge will remain reasonable while its UK general insurance operations are successful, but will balloon when the business's profits slump, as they will at the bottom of every insurance cycle.

The obvious solution would be a substantial British acquisition, either an expansion of the life assurance business or perhaps a diversification into retail banking. But BAT is not in a strong position to make such an acquisition. Net debt has risen to more than £2 billion and will fall by only about £200 million a year due to the group's generous dividend policy. Mr Broughton takes over at an apparently auspicious time. Group profits rebounded to £1.6 billion last year and could top £2 billion this year. But he faces a long haul restoring BAT's balance sheet before he can neutralise its precarious tax position.



Convertibles

NORTHERN Foods' success in launching a euroconvertible issue suggests there is hope for all those companies that want to strengthen balance sheets or cut funding costs. The 7 per cent rise in the offer size to £91 million underlines the strong demand for these type of instruments from both domestic and overseas institutions.

The demand is so resilient that the pricing of such issues is becoming aggressive. A year ago the coupons on similar convertibles were about 1 per cent below the equivalent gilt. The discount on this issue was almost twice that.

Domestic institutions approve of euroconvertibles since they see them as a way of boosting short-term income while maintaining equity weighting. Overseas investors are even keener since the coupon on the convertible does not incur any withholding tax unlike the underlying equity.

The benefits to issuers like Northern are equally attractive. If the issue is converted, Northern has placed its stock at an 18 per cent premium. If not, the group is borrowing at just 6.75 per cent.

Sadly, euroconvertibles alone are not going to solve the impending shortage of institutional funds. Issue sizes are normally limited to 5 per cent of a group's capital while overseas investors will only accept paper from FT-SE constituents. Merchant banks will have to find other innovative methods to meet their clients' funding needs.

Fyffes

THE banana wars have wounded Fyffes, the Irish fruit and vegetable distributor, in recent years and the company should welcome impending changes in EC regulations that will limit cheap central American imports from that have done much of the damage in the past.

From next year, the EC will impose higher tariffs on these imports, which will raise prices and provide a welcome boost to the profits of firms such as Fyffes.

The company has emerged from the difficult trading of recent years in good shape. It has net cash of Ir£97 million — thanks to the proceeds of a Ir£60 million rights issue in June 1991, that were never used, and recent high Irish interest rates. The group should not sit idly on this cash pile. An acquisition of a distribution company in continental Europe, where its presence is still small, would be a positive move.

BBV

THE 48 per cent rise in bad debt provisions at Banco Bilbao Vizcaya last year is a pleasing confirmation that Latin banks are as prone to careless lending as their Anglo-Saxon counterparts. Even so, the fall in the bank's net profits was only 20 per cent to 81 billion pesetas (£482 million), underlining the fact that southern European banks have withstood the fallout from the eighties' lending boom far better than their more powerful UK and Scandinavian counterparts. Who can blame the Spanish government for taking advantage of an upswing in investor sentiment to arrange the £4 billion sell-off of Argentaria, Spain's biggest financial institution?

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The memory lingers on

CITY dealers did not know which way to jump at 11.39am yesterday when Extel's online news service delivered its latest "news flash". "Minimum lending rate to be revised to 7 per cent from tomorrow," subscribers were informed. The news was followed five minutes later by a "note to subscribers" asking them to "please ignore flash sent at 11.39am". Michael Stranks, assistant director of Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, said: "For five minutes we were scratching our heads. Clearly it was some sort of rogue announcement, but it could have cost a lot of people a lot of money." Surely traders did not deal on the news? "Well, who knows with the government these days. Anything is feasible: they did raise the rates by 5 per cent in one day," says Stranks. Extel says its first flash was taken from a live Treasury page on Topic page 6085. Share prices were already falling in response to the Topic page, and Extel thought the market should be alerted. But within five minutes of the news flash, the Treasury confirmed that its page on Topic had been "misleading". Much to its embarrassment, a single line from Chancellor Norman Lamont's Autumn Statement last November about lowering rates to 7 per cent "from tomorrow" lingered in the Treasury computer system. "We've sent out lots of reserve notices since then: why this should have popped up now, I don't know," said a Treasury spokesman. The rogue Treasury line also went out to Reuters, Telerate and Knight-Ridder — "but they didn't complain," the spokesman said. But the Bank of England did: it intervened to ask the Treasury to remove the offending Topic story. Gavin Shreeve, Extel's managing editor, is philosophical: "It caused pandemonium in the market. We managed to ascertain that the Treasury page was misleading, and then we had to clear up the mess."



"Is that the price for a season ticket or the Southend line?"

Stoop to conquer

MILES Broadbent was not his normal avuncular self when he stood up on the dais to welcome a veritable *Who's Who* of British industrialists attending a reception at Claridges' ballroom on Monday night to mark the 10th anniversary of headhunter Norman Broadbent. The assembled guests — among them Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy of Kingfisher, Lord Sterling of P&O, Sir Michael Richardson of Smith New Court and Geoffrey Maitland Smith of Sears — soon learnt why. Broadbent had barely uttered his first few hesitant words before a great whoosh reverberated around the ballroom. A hawk swooped closely over the guests' heads, miraculously avoiding the chandeliers, to land, amid applause, on Broadbent's outstretched fist. Wisely he had chosen a trained hawk rather than the more temperamental peregrine falcon, the hunting bird that graces the firm's logo. But the chief executive's secret was the slab of steak tied to his index finger. "We were rather worried about that, as there was plenty of other food in the room," says Broadbent, who had attended a rehearsal beforehand to try to ensure that there would be no anti-social behaviour from the hawk. Fortunately, Claridges' waiters had been conscientious in clearing away all remaining vestiges of the smoked salmon canapes, so as not to distract the hawk from its preordained flight path.

Name games

POST-litigation smiles and handshakes between Sir Colin Marshall and Richard Branson may well signal a more peaceful co-existence between British Airways and Virgin Atlantic, but Marshall Branson, a company in Tyne & Wear which hires out plant and equipment, has already bagged a possible name for a joint venture. They could always call it Branson Marshall, though.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Case for pensions compensation

From Mr Kenneth Trench

Sir, The letter from the former chief policy and administration officer of the self-regulating authority (SRO), Lautro, commenting "An SRO is effectively fulfilling a statutory function" should give anyone looking for protection from City-run watchdogs significant doubts.

No lesser an expert than the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Lamont, told 32,000 Maxwell pensioners who were complaining last year about the ineffectiveness of the regulatory protection from IMRO, "No regulator or regulation system can guarantee that all fraud will be prevented or identified".

The Financial Services Act that protects retail investors from the effects of fraud (to a limit of £48,000) deliberately omitted pensioners' investments regulated by IMRO from the Investors Compensation Scheme.

Your correspondent states an "SRO is not the same as a City Club". However, it was a working party of City experts (is that a club?) who deleted pensions investment from compensation because it felt the City could not afford the cost of an SRO failure in the pensions area.

Currently, two things are clear:

One, as a private investor it is imprudent to invest more than £48,000 with any single investment manager regulated by IMRO.

Two, if you wish to be assured of total pension security, insure it against fraud as you insure your other greatest asset, your home, against fire and theft.

Without a safety-net of compensation underneath improved pension legislation and regulation, the image of security pensions have always enjoyed will be lost. If the Maxwell victims become the Maxwell martyrs, faith in the occupational pensions system will never be restored.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH TRENCH
(Chairman),
Maxwell Pensioners
Action Group,
The Warren, 12 Briar Hill,
Purley, Surrey.

Cuts should be balanced by job creation

From Mr John Lidderdale

Sir, All businesses in the developed economies are highly focused on achieving more and more output per employee. As the growth in efficiencies greatly outstrips the growth in markets, the end result is redundancies.

The result for the company concerned is short term improvement in unit cost and profitability but in macro-economic terms it is another contribution to the shrinking of the market place or pool of buyers.

In other words the current drive for lower unit costs will result in a permanent recession.

Every business that starts a programme of investment, research or cuts that will result in fewer jobs should, in parallel, run another programme to develop new, profitable, activities to absorb the redundant labour as it becomes available.

Unless we collectively and severally attempt such measures the Western economies must eventually implode.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LIDDERDALE,
Kennel Cottage,
Gonalston,
Nottingham.

Searching high and low for the right rate

From Mr Frank Selby

Sir, We often read in your columns, and hear from PM and colleagues, that our interest rates are by now low when compared with those of other EC countries. True indeed if we look at Base, Prime, Lombard and such wholesale rates. Also, alas, at the ones we little people get for our deposits. But what about the ones borrowers have to pay? I am long past borrowing age but learn that credit card holders who do not pay on time (more than half don't); customers of famous retailers; personal overdrafts pay something like 20 per cent p.a. (The 32 per cent charged by the clearers for "unauthorised overdrafts" is a fine rather than a rate). Small business borrowers must, I believe, reckon with something like 15 per cent p.a.

Enquiries I made in other countries, indicate that our retail rates are far higher than theirs. Do they not matter more to the many millions of us who know our place outside the financial sector with its vastly greater influence? Please let us have some more learned comparisons in this field from your experts; I am sure they will be interesting.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK SELBY,
47 Dove Park,
Hatch End, Pinner, E3.

From Mr M. Halliwell

Sir, My bank continues to charge 10 per cent over base for an "agreed" loan.

This is more than I pay on my overdraft, and the purpose of the agreed loan was to "consolidate" my overdraft.

Yours faithfully,
M. HALLIWELL,
The Battersea Barge Bistro,
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Mastertrust	107.00	114.40	+0.50	1.50
International	78.57	83.58	+0.45	1.22
Dividend Gth	55.19	58.71†	+0.30	5.11
Global Gth Sec	59.27	63.05	+0.09	3.16
Ethical Growth	63.16	67.19	-0.19	2.87
High Inc Equity	146.60	155.90†	+0.90	5.45
Worldwide Bond	261.00	276.60†	+0.50	4.52
Gilts Fixed Int	128.80	136.50†	+0.20	6.96

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6801

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	43.31	45.73	+0.14	1.85
European	75.81	80.32†	-0.12	...
European Inc	76.23	80.81	-0.14	1.66
Exempt	888.50	914.80†	-0.60	3.35
Extra Inc	41.48	45.00	+0.12	5.59
F East Emerg Ec	75.54	81.49	+0.11	0.78

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	369.80	395.30	-0.80	4.32
Equity Inc	204.40	218.50†	-0.30	4.62
High Yield	227.80	243.50	-0.20	4.27
Balanced	620.20	662.90	-2.40	2.84
American Inc	47.48	50.75†	-0.68	3.37
Wld Asset Val	36.62	39.14	-0.25	1.97
Japan	138.90	147.80†	+1.90	0.01
Secs of Am	431.20	494.10	+6.70	0.36

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD. 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	304.30	323.80	-0.90	3.05
-do- Inc	218.10	232.10	-0.70	3.05
Higher Inc Acc	540.20	574.70	+1.00	4.25
-do- Inc	333.20	354.50	+0.60	4.25
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	171.50	181.10	-0.30	6.66
-do- Inc	92.38	97.57	-0.15	6.66
Nth America	274.50	292.10	+0.80	...
Far East	243.60	259.20	-1.60	0.38
Europe	207.10	220.40	-0.50	1.30
General Inc	411.10	437.40	-1.30	2.72
-do- Acc	447.70	476.30	-1.50	2.72
Brit Excell	61.95	65.91	-0.17	3.19
Brit Fndmtls Inc	63.54	67.60	-0.21	5.24
Brit Fndmtls Acc	80.95	86.12	+0.26	5.24
Global Opps	66.96	71.26	+0.01	0.03

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	105.90	113.30	+0.70	3.29
Euro Gth Inc	108.60	115.10	+0.50	1.26
Extra Inc	101.80	108.90	-0.70	5.51
General	233.70	249.90	+1.10	3.46
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.32	59.31	+0.16	8.76
Income	455.70	487.60†	-3.40	4.78

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	95.57	101.70	+0.20	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	125.00	133.70	...	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	50.67	54.19†	-0.40	7.30
Eastern	167.10	180.00	-1.10	1.70
Equity Income	75.50	80.31	+0.16	6.70
European Gth	214.30	228.00	-0.30	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	145.30	155.60	-0.50	2.00
Exempt	79.02	81.22†	.	3.90
German Growth	51.10	54.55	...	0.80
Global Growth	105.50	112.80	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	153.10	164.30†	-0.10	...
Japan Sunrise	128.00	136.60	-0.10	..
Portfolio	113.60	121.60	.	3.40
-do- Acc	200.70	215.00	.	3.40
UK Growth	73.60	78.29	+0.38	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	73.61	78.72	+0.56	2.00
Select Managers	60.96	65.31	+0.19	2.10

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	100.61	107.60	+0.03	2.39
-do- Inc	92.15	98.56	+0.02	2.39
Global Bond	29.11	30.88	-0.01	5.78
High Yield Acc	50.11	53.59	+0.13	4.52
-do- Inc	36.73	39.28†	+0.09	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	82.09	87.73	-0.07	1.81
-do- Inc	75.86	81.14	-0.07	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	58.22	62.27	+0.24	0.29
-do- Inc	57.13	61.11†	+0.24	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	93.04	99.51	+0.17	1.79
-do- Inc	92.18	98.59	+0.17	1.79
Mngd P folio	33.42	35.74	+0.05	1.54
Pacific Growth	84.21	90.09	-0.29	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	82.68	88.43	+0.16	1.09

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	110.10	117.30	+1.60	3.79
Smaller Cos Acc	254.50	271.00	-0.90	...
Smaller Cos Inc	149.00	158.70	+0.60	1.45
High Inc	71.25	76.22	+0.38	7.24
Income	122.00	130.50	-0.50	4.45
Mngd P folio Inc	89.01	94.80†	-0.81	2.19
-do- Acc	166.60	177.40	-1.50	...
North American	111.40	118.60†	-1.40	0.19
Orient	95.35	102.60	-1.60	...
Recovery	35.43	38.09	-0.26	3.10
German	39.37	42.22	+0.02	0.10
Intl Growth	32.71	34.84	+0.11	0.23
European Inc	21.82	23.49	+0.08	0.48
Conv General	19.18	20.52	+0.12	8.13

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	62.09	66.05	-0.35	1.25
-do- Acc	69.22	73.64	-0.38	1.25
Income Fund 5	205.70	218.90	+0.10	4.09
-do- Acc	467.70	497.60	+0.20	4.09
Inv Portfolio	65.75	68.14	+0.26	2.31
-do- Acc	73.65	76.33	+0.29	2.31
Smaller Cos	112.00	119.20	+0.20	2.23
-do- Acc	134.60	143.20	+0.20	2.23
High Inc P folio	57.60	59.69	-0.04	4.90

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Shr Gilt Fxd Int	69.17	70.09	+0.26	5.94

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	131.70	140.20	+0.60	1.77
UK Growth	140.30	149.30†	+0.70	2.55
UK Income	120.30	128.00	-0.80	4.63

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	76.01	81.29	-0.65	1.15
Growth	43.55	46.58†	-0.06	3.07
Income	51.23	54.79†	-0.30	4.34
Far East	39.77	42.53	-0.32	0.37
North American	87.40	93.48	-0.88	0.01
Global	81.63	87.31	-0.47	0.64
European	63.61	68.03	+0.05	1.38
Japan	83.62	89.43	-0.33	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.93	61.36	-0.27	7.24
UK Cap Gwth	76.31	81.83	+0.52	2.33

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	132.40	140.80	+0.10	0.06
-do- Acc	140.80	149.70	+0.10	0.06
European	64.38	68.18	-0.08	1.11
-do- Acc	66.73	70.66	-0.09	1.11
Far East Gen	47.00	50.00	-0.19	...
-do- Acc	47.00	50.00	-0.19	...
Glenfriars	237.90	253.10	+2.50	1.34
-do- Acc	267.30	284.30	+2.90	1.34
Growth	366.70	392.20	+0.90	2.60
-do- Acc	623.50	666.90	+1.70	2.60
Income Growth	355.90	378.70†	-1.30	4.18
-do- Acc	472.80	503.00	-1.80	4.18
Master Portfolio	9330.0	9510.0†	-1.00	2.89
-do- Acc	10614.0	10971.0	...	2.89
Special Sits	83.44	88.77†	+0.05	2.57
-do- Acc	97.60	103.90	+0.06	2.57
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1155.0	1191.0	+3.00	4.69
-do- Acc	1337.0	1379.0	+3.00	4.69

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	194.70	207.30†	-0.70	1.76
Capital	514.90	549.40	-1.10	2.56
Eurotrack 100	124.50	132.30†	-1.70	1.61
Euro Gth	76.86	81.82†	+0.22	1.92
Far East Growth	77.19	82.38†	+1.13	0.52
Global Bond	22.91	24.14†	+0.11	6.58
Hong Kong	65.93	70.25	-0.21	0.71
Income	488.40	521.20	+0.60	4.84
Intl Growth	70.28	75.00	+0.33	1.16
Japan Growth	200.30	213.60	-0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	25.58	27.29†	-0.18	...
Japan Index	59.48	63.47†	+0.28	0.32
Nth American	425.10	453.60	-3.30	0.99
S pore Mly Gth	48.90	52.14	-0.19	...
The Footsie Fd	105.90	111.30	-0.20	2.56
Tiger Index	132.90	141.70	+0.60	1.00
Trixie Index	98.39	105.00	+0.50	3.06
UK Index	119.10	127.10†	-0.10	3.39

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	84.20	89.89	+0.80	1.00
European P folio	69.49	73.80	+0.44	1.38
Japanese P folio	48.00	50.98	+0.05	...
Pacific P folio	85.18	91.60	-0.04	2.43
Cazenove P folio	66.81	71.46†	+0.12	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.45	64.78	-0.18	5.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	..	5.08
Fixed Int	151.95	152.70	...	9.50
Deposit	6.80	6.98	..	..

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	573.11	578.96	.	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	...	...
Deposit	6.70	6.87	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	...	9.33
-do- Acc	159.55	160.17	..	..

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.06	65.33	+3.27	2.48
Beckman Intl	76.60	81.07	+1.58	4.93
Friars Hse Inc	174.05	186.23†	+4.94	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.47	258.37	+5.69	2.99

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	109.01	115.97	+0.04	...
European Gth	89.07	94.76	-0.12	1.45
Far East Gth	89.66	95.38	-0.46	0.42
Japan Gth Acc	32.23	34.29	-0.21	...
Managed	59.00	62.77	-0.17	3.04
-do- Acc	71.25	75.80	-0.20	3.04
Mthly Inc Plus	46.25	49.20	+0.15	8.90
Smaller Cos	30.95	32.93†	+0.05	2.24
-do- Acc	34.84	37.06	+0.03	2.24
UK General	66.27	70.50	+0.34	2.83
-do- Acc	79.46	84.53	-0.40	2.83
Wwide Bd	63.24	67.28	+0.04	5.74
-do- Acc	79.24	84.30	+0.05	5.74
Wwide Sp Sits	51.49	55.07	-0.13	0.33
-do- Acc	53.53	57.25	-0.14	0.33
Quilter General	120.64	128.34	-0.13	2.53
-do- Acc	132.79	141.27	-0.13	2.53
Quilter Income	89.36	94.96†	-0.68	4.11
-do- Acc	110.02	117.04	-0.86	4.11
Quilter Intl	119.35	126.97	-0.11	0.51
-do- Acc	121.00	128.72	-0.11	0.51
Quilter UK Spec	68.02	72.36	-0.17	2.56
-do- Acc	89.99	95.73	-0.23	2.56
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	96.36	102.51	+0.50	1.91
Fixed Conv	39.32	41.83†	+0.23	8.36
-do- Acc	102.58	109.13	+0.55	8.36
Equity Inc	136.30	145.00†	-0.05	4.23
-do- Acc	438.27	466.24	-0.30	4.23
High Yield	113.10	120.32	-0.14	5.31
-do- Acc	423.32	450.34	-0.52	5.31
Preference	45.74	48.66†	-0.68	8.17
-do- Acc	231.40	246.17	-3.47	8.17
PPT Europe	141.50	150.60	-0.10	0.75
PPT Global Bnd	81.08	86.26	-0.40	4.55
PPT Gold Com	46.52	49.49	+0.55	...
PPT Thai	56.35	59.95	+0.11	...
PPT Hong Kong	87.17	92.73	-0.96	0.69
PPT Japan	88.90	94.57	-0.60	..
PPT N Amer	150.43	160.03	+0.46	..
PPT S'pore Mly	96.86	103.04	-0.17	...
PPT UK	112.34	119.51	-0.55	1.56
PPT Cash	90.84	90.84	+0.01	6.31

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	70.52	75.02	+0.12	1.06
Japanese Acc	46.23	49.18	+0.28	...
UK Balncd Inc	120.70	128.40	+0.40	2.61
-do- Acc	140.90	149.80	+0.50	2.61
UK Growth Acc	200.00	212.80	+0.70	2.27
UK High Inc	128.10	136.30	-0.50	6.97
-do- Acc	151.30	161.00	-0.60	6.97
N America Acc	116.20	123.60	+1.30	0.31
European Acc	144.40	153.60	+0.50	0.46
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.51	63.16	+0.08	8.95
-do- Acc	96.04	101.90	+0.10	8.95
Intl Sp Sits Acc	44.66	47.51	+0.31	0.24
Environmntl Opp	69.90	74.36	+0.19	1.49

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	113.20	120.40	+1.30	..
UK Smlr Cos	173.20	184.00	+1.00	1.36
Eurofund	36.33	38.49†	+0.19	1.04
Mngd Exempt	161.20	168.00	+3.60	3.12
Growth Inc	208.30	221.30†	-0.30	4.07
High Dist	134.90	143.30	+0.20	6.04
International	307.00	326.30	+1.70	1.00
Intl Income	78.24	83.52†	+0.48	3.11
Pacific	53.73	57.09	+0.85	0.53
Smllr Jap Cos	52.08	55.37	+0.30	...
Tokyo	157.60	167.60	+0.50	...
Japan Exempt	86.17	88.54	+2.85	0.59
Sm Jap Exempt	414.80	426.20	+4.20	0.12

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	161.10	171.30	...	1.22

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	101.97	107.34	-0.45	3.75
High Income	116.92	123.07	-0.36	5.13
Tst of Inv Tsts	135.34	142.46	+0.75	2.57
Special Sits	82.92	87.28	-0.12	3.43
North American	110.25	116.05	+1.46	1.12
Far Eastern	203.13	213.82	+2.23	1.57
Intl Growth	88.23	92.87	-0.37	1.58
European	61.32	64.55	+0.35	2.17
Smaller Cos	67.52	71.07	-0.25	2.45

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	221.50	235.00	+2.20	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.80
European Tst	104.80	111.50	...	...

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
6th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	88.51	93.67	-0.17	0.69
Far Eastern	109.90	117.70	-0.60	...
Oseas Income	84.71	90.63	-0.39	2.76
UK Growth	89.87	96.12†	-0.25	1.38
UK Income	99.39	106.30	+0.30	3.98
US Smaller Cos	225.90	241.60	...	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	432.80	462.80	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	442.10	472.70	+1.90	...
Capital	278.10	295.80	+1.00	2.32
-do- Acc	383.90	408.30	+1.40	2.32
Contl Smllr Cos	43.83	47.24	-0.20	1.44
-do- Acc	45.35	48.88	-0.21	1.44
Convertible	105.70	112.40†	+0.50	6.35
-do- Acc	195.80	208.20†	+1.00	6.35
European	93.36	99.85	-0.25	0.83
-do- Acc	96.47	103.20	-0.20	0.83
Extra Income	274.80	292.30†	+1.00	4.62
-do- Acc	384.80	409.30†	+1.30	4.62
Financial	103.20	110.80	+0.50	0.73
-do- Acc	107.40	115.30	+0.50	0.73
Health Fund Inc	130.10	138.90	-0.20	..
-do- Acc	130.10	138.90	-0.20	..
Income Tst	171.00	181.80	+0.90	4.30
-do- Acc	238.30	253.40	+1.20	4.30
Intl Growth	302.40	323.00	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	335.80	358.70	+0.30	...
Japan Gen	130.70	139.80	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	132.00	141.20	-0.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	87.77	92.38	+0.15	1.11
-do- Acc	90.64	95.40	+0.16	1.11
Monthly Income	139.50	148.30†	+0.10	4.70
Recovery	283.10	302.70†	+0.50	0.78
-do- Acc	330.60	353.50†	+0.60	0.78
Gilt Gth Tst	60.50	62.39	+0.02	6.95
-do- Acc	75.96	78.32	+0.03	6.95

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	338.26	359.85	+0.59	3.05
-do- Acc	682.98	726.57	+1.18	3.05
Euro Gth Dist	99.25	105.58†	+0.64	1.12
-do- Acc	102.21	108.73†	+0.66	1.12
Fixed Int Dist	129.03	136.48	+0.25	6.70
-do- Acc	214.16	226.53	+0.42	6.70
Intl Gth Dist	71.24	75.79	-0.44	0.83
-do- Acc	73.71	78.41	+0.46	0.83
Nth Amer Dist	168.64	178.80†	+1.81	0.66
-do- Acc	183.05	194.07†	+1.97	0.66
Pac Basin Dist	208.44	221.74†	+1.36	0.39
-do- Acc	211.65	225.16†	+1.39	0.39
Stewardship Dist	286.13	304.39	+1.87	1.97
-do- Acc	338.51	360.12	+2.21	1.97
Stwd Inc Dist	58.38	62.11†	+0.29	3.96
-do- Acc	71.63	76.20†	+0.35	3.96
N Am Stwd Dist	96.03	102.16†	+1.24	0.04
-do- Acc	101.59	108.07†	+1.31	0.04

GT UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	144.30	154.40	-1.90	...
European	382.10	405.30	-0.70	0.98
Far East General	185.90	197.80	+0.30	0.33
Germany	90.96	96.32	-0.39	0.43
Global Assets In	63.96	68.41	+0.05	2.25
Global Assets Ac	67.02	71.68	+0.05	2.22
Income	106.70	114.20	+1.10	7.38
International	243.60	260.60	+1.20	1.00
Intl Income	73.35	78.07	-0.04	4.72
Japan General	291.40	308.60	+0.70	...
Smlr Cos Div	44.85	47.97†	+0.22	6.32
UK Capital Inc	148.60	159.00†	+0.90	4.14
-do- Acc	254.10	271.80	-1.40	4.04
Uk Spec Sits	67.87	72.59	+0.26	1.68
US General	113.00	120.30	+1.60	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	111.30	119.10	+0.10	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.51	45.47†	...	1.30
Cash Trust*	127.11	127.11	...	5.89
Pract Inv Inc	97.78	104.86	...	4.24
-do- Acc	208.76	223.87	...	4.24
UK Smaller Cos	91.91	98.56	...	1.84
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.65	25.29†	...	8.82
High Inc	29.71	31.78†	...	5.66
UK Equity Inc	120.36	128.73†	..	4.68
Intl Fxd Int	29.46	30.53	...	5.21
International Funds				
Gold Intl	60.84	65.24	...	1.79
Frontier Markets	40.33	43.25	...	0.28
Global Inc Gth	116.50	124.34	...	2.73
UK Intl	107.36	114.72†	...	1.20
Overseas Funds				
American	127.95	136.63	...	0.59
European	78.95	83.75	...	0.97
Euro Sel Opps	90.01	95.74†	...	1.30
American Emerg	76.92	82.49	...	...
Hong Kong	95.78	102.71	...	2.13
Japan	160.00	170.25	...	...
Pacific Growth	132.59	142.19	...	0.54

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	115.13	123.14	+0.99	0.95
American Gth	120.86	129.26	+1.75	0.35
European Gth	65.20	69.73	+0.04	0.82
German Horizn	45.93	49.00	-0.15	0.92
Japan Gth	60.12	64.30	+0.16	...
Pacific Inc	117.07	125.20	-0.31	3.22
Pacific Strategy	95.34	101.97	+1.20	...
Gt British Cos	46.86	49.38	+0.18	2.00
UK Prog Inc	66.95	70.66	+0.50	6.11
UK Small Cos	41.56	44.45	+0.25	2.60

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	129.80	129.80	...	5.27
Gilt Fixed	118.90	126.10	+0.20	6.67
Growth Equity	278.60	297.60	+1.60	2.29
Guardhill	412.30	440.40	+3.00	2.50
Income Trust	101.70	108.60	+0.60	4.61
International	146.30	156.20	-1.30	0.26
Japan Trust	98.57	105.30†	+0.20	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	252.70	269.90	+3.20	0.43
Pacific	315.30	336.80	+1.10	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	322.20	344.20	+2.50	0.53

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	33.59	35.61†	+0.60	1.87
-do- Acc	35.16	37.28	+0.60	1.87
Inc Adv Inc	28.57	30.29	-0.50	4.41
-do- Acc	29.46	31.23	-0.50	4.41

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	63.77	68.31	+0.69	0.63
Equity Income	107.80	114.70	-0.30	3.86
European	128.20	135.50	+0.40	1.52
Intl Situation	69.26	73.68	+0.07	...
Japanese	108.60	115.40	-0.80	...
North American	101.90	108.10	-0.20	0.06
Scandinavian	100.40	106.10	+1.90	0.58
Smaller Cos	27.96	29.77†	-0.52	2.69

HENDERSON
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	92.58	99.00	-0.60	...
Asian Enterprise	111.09	119.12	+0.83	1.14
Australian	120.00	128.27	-0.16	1.38
European	338.88	359.03	-0.09	1.23
European Inc	65.20	69.01†	-0.11	3.10
Euro Sml Co	113.18	120.81	-0.47	1.31
Extra Income	246.91	262.74	-0.92	5.29
Family of Funds	65.90	69.93†	+0.04	1.48
Fixed Interest	54.96	58.77	+0.04	8.33
Global Resour	76.66	82.28†	+0.29	1.63
High Inc	268.94	284.28†	+0.77	4.76
Income Gth	224.73	239.33	+0.55	3.93
-do- Acc	565.53	602.28	+1.38	3.93
International	216.33	230.33	+1.07	0.97
Japan Spc Sit	178.05	189.41	-0.12	...
Japan	154.12	161.81†	-0.30	...
N Amer	231.84	246.83†	+0.73	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	149.59	160.46	-0.30	1.49
Pref Gilt	45.18	49.10†	+0.10	9.02
Smaller Cos Div	150.12	163.62†	+0.72	4.56
Special Sits	248.92	266.33	+0.54	1.57
-do- Acc	381.21	407.89	+0.83	1.57
Best of British	53.37	57.25	-0.30	2.39
Spirit of the East	51.52	54.96	+0.32	0.71

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	84.82	90.71	-0.41	2.34
Capital	147.30	157.50†	-0.20	2.50
Dollar	305.60	326.80	-2.70	0.23
European	182.80	195.50	+0.30	0.59
Far East	210.30	224.90†	-0.40	0.68
Financial	626.00	669.50	+0.60	2.67
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.32	26.34†	+0.06	8.26
High Yield	96.12	102.80	+0.10	5.34
Income	127.70	136.50	+0.30	3.68
Intl	198.10	211.80†	...	0.53
Japan Tech	52.77	56.43†	-0.24	...
Nat Resources	52.08	55.70	+0.21	0.59
Security	282.10	301.70	-0.80	2.21
Smaller Cos	101.00	108.00	-2.30	1.81
Special Sits	128.40	137.30	+0.20	2.39
US Smaller Cos	73.05	78.12	-0.29	..

IBI FUND MANAGERS
30 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	239.60	252.20	+2.00	1.48
Capital Gwth	102.10	107.50	+1.60	2.49
Inv Trusts	117.70	123.90	+2.50	0.77

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	21.56	23.04†	-0.15	1.89
Special Features	25.65	27.25	+0.02	1.65
-do- Acc	30.09	31.97	+0.04	1.65
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.96	54.55	-0.23	2.73
Assets Earnings	67.69	71.92†	-0.24	2.08
do Acc	79.68	84.66†	-0.27	2.08
Managed Invest	79.11	84.53†	+0.01	1.41
Rupert Children	73.35	78.22	-0.40	1.79
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.00	50.00†	-1.44	5.72
Extra Inc	74.83	80.27†	+0.33	5.43
Gilt	27.32	28.76†	-0.01	7.22
Income Gth	36.82	39.38	+0.06	3.82
MIMstar	75.53	77.54	+0.09	8.45
Preference	17.62	18.72	+0.05	7.14
UK Income	294.70	315.00	+0.60	3.68
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	51.42	54.63	+0.16	1.74
Property Shares	54.08	57.46	+0.19	2.25
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	134.60	141.50	-0.10	3.79
European Acc	105.50	111.80	-0.10	1.98
European Dist	100.40	106.40	-0.10	2.01
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.90	53.05	+0.22	1.03
European Perf	100.10	106.10	...	1.32
-do- Acc	102.00	108.10	...	1.32
Euro Small Cos	19.00	20.25	-0.04	0.84
French Growth	62.91	66.91†	-0.57	0.69
-do- Acc	67.05	71.32†	-0.03	0.69
Hong K/China	57.67	62.06†	-0.38	1.70
Intl Growth	47.13	50.07	+0.04	1.26
-do- Acc	47.13	50.07	+0.04	1.26
Japan Perf	25.37	26.94	-0.05	...
Accum Units	25.37	26.94	-0.05	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.82	28.47	...	...
Singapore Asean	67.74	73.42	+0.17	0.65
-do- Acc	68.16	73.88	+0.17	0.65
South East Asia	196.80	212.10	-1.10	0.96
US Smllr Cos	113.00	120.00	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	114.20	121.30	+1.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	78.67	83.72	+0.01	2.80
Intl Bond	57.05	57.81	+0.06	6.52

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.53	68.87†	+0.01	6.13
Extra Income	51.01	54.27	+0.73	7.09
Gilt Yield	117.90	124.30	-0.10	8.21
Global Income	182.40	194.00†	+0.10	4.41
High Yield	128.00	136.20†	+1.52	6.41
Smllr Cos Div	42.86	45.60†	+1.79	6.05
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	92.46	98.36	+1.44	...
North American	75.89	80.73	+0.75	0.24
European	124.10	132.00	+0.40	0.90
Euro Special	73.98	78.70	+0.24	1.05
General	258.20	274.70†	-0.30	3.51
Japan	303.10	322.40	+1.10	...
Japanese Special	161.70	172.00	+1.70	...
Master Acc	206.20	219.40	-1.70	1.50
Pacific	227.40	241.90	+1.00	0.38
Smaller Cos	90.12	95.87	+0.27	2.41
UK Equity Gth	33.22	35.34†	+0.07	2.80

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	69.95	74.42†	+0.24	0.98
Extra Income	23.38	24.87†	+0.04	3.80
Far East	21.95	23.35	+0.03	1.00
Income Gwth	71.14	75.68	+0.91	2.97
Intl Growth	47.83	50.86	+0.25	1.00
Japan	49.45	52.61†	-0.20	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.20†	...	8.15
N Amer Equity	40.23	42.80	+0.58	0.43
UK Equity	83.27	88.58	+0.09	2.90

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	51.31	54.59†	+0.04	4.87

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	410.90	437.10	-1.20	3.02
Equity Acc	773.80	823.20	-2.10	3.02
Equity Income	87.42	93.00†	-0.36	5.28
European	90.45	96.22†	-0.48	1.71
Far Eastern	151.00	160.60	-1.30	0.36
Fixed Interest	49.28	52.43†	+0.10	8.00
Gilt	89.95	95.39	+0.12	6.80
Global Growth	59.68	63.49	+0.09	1.07
Intl Bond	56.54	60.15	-0.11	5.40
Japanese	52.77	56.14	-0.31	...
Overseas Equity	87.41	92.99	-0.59	0.89
Pacific Gth	74.70	79.47	-0.59	1.51
North American	138.00	146.80†	-0.10	1.15
UK Recovery	72.87	77.52	-0.15	2.66
UK Smllr Cos	95.69	101.80†	+0.30	2.27
Worldwide	71.22	75.77	-0.02	2.72

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	303.70	323.10	-3.10	3.18
-do- Acc	657.90	699.50	-7.00	3.18
Contl Euro Gth	48.38	50.93	-0.04	1.59
-do- Acc	51.16	53.86	-0.04	1.59
Extra Inc	231.90	246.80	+1.30	4.09
-do- Acc	564.00	600.10	+3.10	4.09
German Gth	95.33	100.40	-0.50	0.32
-do- Acc	99.97	105.30	-0.50	0.32
Income	435.20	463.00	+2.50	3.85
-do- Acc	1102.0	1173.0	+6.00	3.93
Japan Growth	72.94	77.60	+0.54	0.01
-do- Acc	73.20	77.88	+0.56	0.01
Master Trust	50.01	53.21	+0.25	1.35
-do- Acc	54.39	57.87	+0.27	1.35
N American Gen	189.90	202.10	-2.80	3.01
-do- Acc	219.30	233.40	-3.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.10	150.20	+2.20	0.01
-do- Acc	144.00	153.20	+2.17	0.01
Pacific Basin	177.40	188.80	+1.20	0.52
-do- Acc	187.40	199.40	+1.20	0.52
Small Cos Rec	282.60	297.50	+8.10	2.45
-do- Acc	364.60	383.80	-10.40	2.45
UK Growth	77.25	82.19	+0.42	2.45
-do- Acc	90.08	95.84	+0.50	2.45
Worldwide Gth	261.80	278.60	+2.30	0.25
-do- Acc	385.80	410.50	+3.20	0.25

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	75.15	80.63	+0.26	3.10
Income	57.70	61.91	+0.32	6.10
International	52.79	56.64	+0.24	0.90
American	60.35	64.75	-0.31	0.30
Japan	38.84	41.67	+0.14	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	51.11	54.84	+0.52	2.10

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	391.10	413.60†	-0.40	0.80
-do- Acc	482.60	510.30	-0.40	0.80
American Rec	403.20	426.40	-2.10	0.68
-do- Acc	461.30	487.90	-2.50	0.68
Am Sm Co Acc	121.60	128.50	-0.20	0.11
Australia Acc	127.50	134.90	-2.10	1.87
Capital	596.40	630.70†	-7.20	3.25
-do- Acc	658.00	695.90	+8.00	3.25
Commodity Acc	359.00	379.70	+3.10	1.46
Compnd Gth	781.30	826.20	+9.30	3.39
Dividend	32.50	34.80	+0.30	4.77
-do- Acc	126.20	135.60	+1.40	4.77
Equity Inc	276.10	295.40	+3.40	5.86
European Div	54.60	58.40†	+0.30	5.18
-do- Acc	61.70	66.00	+0.30	5.18
European Gen	357.70	378.30†	-0.20	1.79
-do- Acc	446.90	472.60	-0.30	1.79
Extra Yield	345.00	369.10	+4.80	5.04
-do- Acc	991.40	1060.7	-13.90	5.04
Far Eastern	243.20	257.20	-0.20	1.60
-do- Acc	318.90	337.30	-0.30	1.60
Fund of Inv	462.00	488.60	+6.10	2.59
-do- Acc	833.70	891.70	+11.00	2.59
General	50.40	53.30†	+0.50	4.05
-do- Acc	132.90	140.80	+1.60	4.05
Gilt Fxd Int	60.70	60.70†	+0.20	9.04
do Acc	149.90	150.00	+0.50	9.04
Gold	33.10	35.00†	+0.20	2.38
-do- Acc	38.80	41.00	+0.20	2.38
High Inc	22.70	24.00	+0.33	5.28
-do- Acc	83.90	88.70	+0.90	5.28
Intl Growth	63.90	67.70†	+0.20	1.10
-do- Acc	110.10	116.70	+0.20	1.10
Intl Inc	85.90	91.50	+0.40	5.35
Japan Gen Acc	38.80	41.10	+0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	109.50	115.80	+0.80	0.02
Midland	49.30	52.10	+0.60	4.71
-do- Acc	155.80	164.70	+1.70	4.71
Recovery	33.60	35.60†	+0.40	3.51
-do- Acc	52.80	55.90	+0.60	3.51
Second Gen	55.90	59.10†	+0.60	4.06
-do- Acc	136.60	144.40	+1.50	4.06
Smaller Cos	54.10	57.20†	+0.60	3.96
-do- Acc	102.60	108.40	+1.10	3.96
Trustee	35.70	37.80	+0.40	4.38
Charibond 3	3109.14	...†	+0.40	9.88
Charifund 3	589.90	595.80†	-5.80	5.35
Pension ex 1	825.90	846.60	+7.10	4.69
NAACIF Inc 3	144.50	...	...	8.51
-do- Acc 3	11023.7	...	...	8.31

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	128.20	137.10†	-0.07	2.62
-do- Acc	142.40	152.30†	-0.07	2.62
UK Income	105.70	113.10†	-0.27	3.17
-do- Acc	117.90	126.10†	...	3.18

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	72.36	77.38†	+0.21	0.65
Far East (Pacific)	113.50	120.40	-2.40	0.48
Income Growth	68.20	72.39†	-1.04	4.47
European	61.28	65.05†	-1.25	2.13
Nth American	56.96	60.46	-0.38	1.20
UK Growth	73.14	77.64	+0.27	1.52
Intl Growth	83.62	88.76	+0.07	0.58
Charities	104.00	110.40†	...	4.74
Intl Income	61.90	65.71	-0.25	4.87
Japan	38.88	41.27	-0.41	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	191.30	202.90	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	204.40	216.80	+1.10	...
Cash	100.30	100.30†	...	6.77
-do- Acc	127.60	127.60†	...	6.77
European Gth	185.70	197.10	-0.70	0.35
-do- Acc	198.80	211.00	-0.70	0.35
General	445.00	474.70	+2.40	2.70
-do- Acc	834.10	889.80	+4.30	2.70
Global Dist	132.30	139.00	-0.30	5.32
-do- Acc	144.90	152.30	+0.40	5.32
Income	133.50	142.20	-0.50	5.12
-do- Acc	191.90	204.60	-0.70	5.12
International	350.50	373.00	+2.00	1.12
-do- Acc	464.90	494.80	+2.60	1.12
Japan	144.50	153.10†	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	148.30	157.20†	+1.00	...
New Europe	126.30	134.80†	+0.80	1.48
-do- Acc	128.40	137.00†	+0.80	1.48
Recovery	273.80	292.10	+1.90	3.28
-do- Acc	342.10	365.00	+2.40	3.28
European Inc	71.71	75.94†	+0.03	3.09
-do- Acc	90.98	96.34†	+0.04	3.09
Brit Blue Chip	69.90	74.45	+0.08	3.58
-do- Acc	81.85	87.19	+0.11	3.58
Portfolio	71.02	75.54	...	3.19
-do- Acc	79.58	84.65	...	3.19
Gold General	54.64	58.29	+0.40	4.16
-do- Acc	55.39	59.09	+0.40	4.16
Pacific	80.19	85.54	+0.06	0.67
-do- Acc	84.76	90.42	+0.07	0.67
UK Smaller Cos	47.86	51.06	+0.34	1.74
-do- Acc	53.22	56.77	+0.37	1.74

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	55.68	59.55	-0.12	3.74
-do- Acc	55.68	59.55	-0.12	3.74
British Dist	75.74	81.00	-0.33	2.45
-do- Acc	83.66	89.48	-0.35	2.45
European Gth	158.80	169.80	+0.30	0.37
-do- Acc	199.30	212.70	+0.30	0.37
Extra High Inc	65.71	70.28†	+0.17	6.87
-do- Acc	114.30	122.20	-0.30	6.87
Gilt Fixed Int	55.94	58.30	-0.06	7.12
-do- Acc	145.30	151.30	-0.20	7.12
High Yield	207.40	221.80	+0.50	5.34
-do- Acc	475.90	509.00	+1.30	5.34
Income	264.00	282.30	-3.70	4.17
-do- Acc	548.40	586.50	+0.50	4.17
Japan Gth	257.90	275.80	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	272.20	291.10	-1.40	...
Mandarin Acc	85.13	91.05	-0.24	1.37
North American	165.30	176.80	+0.10	0.74
-do- Acc	207.80	222.20	+0.20	0.74

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	254.70	270.70†	+0.90	0.46
Deposit Inc	100.33	100.33†	+0.01	5.88
Deposit Acc	121.15	121.15†	+0.02	5.88
Euro Gth Acc	240.60	257.10†	+1.00	...
Europa	110.50	118.70†	+0.30	...
Intl Gth	154.10	164.40	-0.50	...
Japan Tracker	57.12	60.51	+0.90	...
UK Equity Inc	137.40	148.00	+1.00	5.30
-do- Acc	165.40	178.20	+1.20	5.30
UK Ind Tracker	136.60	146.30†	+0.50	3.61
US Eq Ind Trkr	191.40	204.60	-0.10	1.29
-do- Acc	201.40	215.30	-0.10	1.29
Asian Tracer	129.20	140.20	+0.40	1.09

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	173.20	177.20†	-0.30	2.52
European	57.32	58.70	...	1.36
Olympiad	50.75	52.13†	-0.03	0.74
Global Bond	46.67	47.18†	-0.36	7.12
Smaller Cos	57.30	59.92	+0.44	2.19
Equity Income	89.31	91.80	+0.59	5.10
UK Growth	81.10	83.67	+0.52	1.74

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	47.90	51.09	+0.19	0.75
Australian Acc	263.90	283.10	+3.70	...
Conscience	60.67	64.74	+0.08	1.42
-do- Acc	65.15	69.53	+0.09	1.42
European	159.30	169.90	...	1.27
-do- Acc	170	181.30	+0.10	1.27
Extra Income	69.79	74.48	-0.03	6.02
-do- Acc	104.80	111.80	...	6.02
Far East Gth	133.70	142.90	-1.00	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.52	59.83	-0.06	7.71
Gold	26.47	28.46	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	28.51	30.65	+0.65	...
Income	49.59	52.89	+0.11	5.39
-do- Acc	148.70	158.60	+0.40	5.39
International	27.45	29.45	-0.05	0.92
-do- Acc	39.44	42.31	-0.08	0.92
Jap Sm Cos Acc	239.50	255.40	-0.80	...
S pore Mly Acc	147.30	157.90	+4.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	22.99	24.73	+0.10	2.10
Special Sits	30.76	33.07	+0.06	1.84
-do- Acc	35.10	37.74	+0.07	1.84
Tokyo	63.21	67.42	-0.06	...
-do- Acc	63.85	68.10	-0.07	...
US Smllr Co Acc	108.70	116.20	-0.10	...
UK Equity	153.80	164	+0.10	3.05
-do- Acc	285.10	304.10	+0.30	3.05

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	64.61	68.74	-0.01	3.01
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.47	77.75	+0.14	6.93
N&P Higher Inc	173.60	184.20†	+0.50	5.19
N&P UK Income	94.74	101.33	+0.22	4.27
N&P Intl	81.56	87.70	+0.29	2.26
N&P Smaller Cos	68.38	73.14	+0.22	1.92

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	152.17	161.89	+0.33	3.05
Global	251.58	267.64	-0.44	1.12
Income	188.27	200.29†	+1.11	4.48
Intl Bond	123.78	131.69	-0.27	7.43

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	133.10	140.10	+0.30	2.93
-do- Acc	230.50	242.60	+0.60	2.93
Income	207.70	220.90	+1.20	3.95
Intl Equity	200.60	213.30	+1.20	1.20
-do- Acc	219.50	233.50	+1.30	1.20
Equity	208.30	221.50	+0.70	2.72
-do- Acc	422.20	449.10	+1.40	2.72
UK Intl 25 Acc	65.15	69.30	+0.28	2.17
UK Income	56.64	60.25†	+0.33	3.45
UK Smllr Co Acc	64.72	68.85	-0.39	2.04
New Europe Acc	58.11	61.82	+0.01	1.75

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	78.56	84.03	+0.21	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	91.88	98.27	+0.11	1.29
Intl Gth	435.34	465.61	+0.65	1.42
Income	271.17	290.03	-0.72	4.39
W wide Recov	270.84	289.67	+1.63	1.03
American Gth	201.77	215.80	+2.52	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	166.33	177.90	+0.72	0.25
Far East Gth	168.40	180.11	-1.26	0.39
European Gth	103.81	111.03	-0.47	1.24
UK Growth	69.89	74.75	+0.22	3.24
High Income	74.24	79.41†	-0.01	5.32
Japanese Gth	154.10	164.32	+1.35	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	162.00	172.30	+0.80	0.97
High Income	101.90	108.40	-1.20	3.97
Conv Gilt	107.80	114.60	+0.60	6.56
Far East	271.00	288.30	+1.00	0.25

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	50.15	53.35	-0.03	0.55
Emerging Mkts	55.26	58.79	-0.31	0.24
General	45.95	48.88	-0.15	3.50
International	78.42	83.45	+0.11	1.37
Gilt Units	24.98	25.75†	-0.02	8.36
Global PEP	33.71	35.86	-0.03	2.18
Income Gth	60.01	63.84†	+0.06	5.51
European	40.92	43.53	...	1.22
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.34	26.96	+0.16	6.18

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank 0426 925891

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.01	29.95	-0.01	1.89
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.76	101.76	+0.02	6.26
-do- Acc	103.54	103.54	+0.02	6.26
Pru Equity	634.98	679.12	-0.89	2.75
Pru Equity Inc	77.38	82.75	+0.10	4.44
Pru European	161.69	172.93	+0.43	1.95
Pru Global Gth	73.21	78.29†	-0.15	1.64
Pru High Inc	81.43	87.09†	+0.14	5.61
Pru Intl	143.88	153.88†	-0.12	1.41
Pru Intl Sm Co	61.60	65.88	+0.05	0.98
Pru Japanese	138.17	147.77	-0.39	...
Pru Nth Amer	143.13	153.06	+0.73	0.46
Pru Pacific Mkt	65.87	70.44†	-0.42	1.99
Pru Premr Inc	48.87	50.89†	+0.07	7.52
Pru Smllr Cos	76.56	81.88	+0.10	2.56
Pru Spec Sits	93.77	100.28†	-0.12	2.66
Pru UK Grwth	106.00	113.36	-0.03	2.55

** Formerly Holborn Trust

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	148.68	159.97	+0.51	3.87
Japan	210.18	225.23	+1.10	...
Major UK Cos	90.90	97.73†	+0.09	2.72
America Income	461.87	494.95	+4.31	0.66
-do- Acc	536.46	574.88	+5.00	0.66
Smllr UK Cos	240.82	262.80	+1.68	2.04
Smllr European	234.17	249.63	+0.42	1.69

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	71.17	75.71	+0.48	3.76
Capital Units	134.90	143.50	+0.70	1.62
Commodity	89.98	95.72	-0.08	1.40
European Gth	141.70	150.70	+0.20	1.54
Financial Sec	160.90	171.10	+2.30	2.07
High Return	204.40	217.40†	+1.80	5.00
High Yield	198.70	211.30	+1.50	4.44
Income Units	103.40	109.90†	+1.80	5.82
Investment	158.30	168.20	-1.90	1.76
Japan Gth	107.90	114.70	-0.60	...
Japan Smaller	146.90	156.20	-0.20	...
Masterfund	42.75	45.47	+0.10	1.28
Scotbits	237.70	252.80†	+2.90	2.19
Scotshares	238.20	253.40	-0.80	3.09
Scotyields	218.70	232.60	+1.40	4.33
Select Intl	119.80	127.40	-0.20	0.72
Smaller Cos	203.90	216.90	+1.60	4.80
Special Situation	102.10	108.60	+0.50	0.88
Uk Equity	213.70	227.30†	+1.30	2.84
US Growth	140.70	149.60	+0.60	0.30

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	244.98	261.31	+3.02	0.57
-do- Acc	264.66	282.30	+3.27	0.57
Australian	117.33	125.15†	+1.10	0.28
-do- Acc	137.49	146.65	+1.29	0.28
UK Enterprise	193.32	206.20†	+0.16	3.75
-do- Acc	223.29	238.17	+0.18	3.75
European Gth	58.91	62.83†	+0.12	1.31
-do- Acc	60.98	65.04	+0.13	1.31
Euro Smllr Cos	52.53	56.03†	+0.09	0.75
-do- Acc	52.89	56.42	+0.10	0.75
Far Eastern Gth	59.99	63.98†	+0.32	...
-do- Acc	61.04	65.10	+0.33	...
Fixed Interest	52.31	55.15	...	8.40
-do- Acc	62.67	66.06	-0.01	8.40
Gilt Income	102.77	108.31	...	8.75
-do- Acc	138.95	146.43	-0.01	8.75
Income	290.03	309.36	+0.80	4.31
-do- Acc	840.06	896.06	+2.32	4.31
Japan Enterprise	50.40	53.75	+0.24	...
-do- Acc	50.40	53.75	+0.24	...
Japan Smllr Cos	315.96	337.02†	-1.06	...
-do- Acc	316.59	337.70	-1.07	...
Pacific Gth	77.33	82.48†	+0.66	0.84
-do- Acc	79.74	85.05	+0.67	0.84
Smaller Cos	174.40	186.02†	+0.81	1.65
-do- Acc	199.87	213.18	+0.92	1.65
Tokyo	81.27	86.68	+0.37	...
-do- Acc	82.09	87.55	+0.37	...
UK Equity	194.73	207.71†	-0.14	3.29
-do- Acc	360.59	384.64	-0.25	3.29
US Smllr Cos	129.25	137.86	+2.40	...
-do- Acc	129.25	137.86	+2.40	...
World Fd	65.90	70.29†	+0.08	1.86
-do- Acc	69.55	74.18	+0.09	1.86

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	40.98	43.64	+1.02	4.53
Equity Strategy	60.14	64.05	+1.10	2.69
European Opps	67.47	71.86	-0.15	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.44	99.96	+0.02	5.91
UK Smaller Cos	46.66	49.69	+0.46	3.80

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	331.70	354.50	-0.50	3.08
American	249.60	265.10	-0.40	0.90
Pacific	270.30	289.10	-1.30	0.94
European	421.90	451.20	-0.90	1.35
Worldwide	74.46	79.64	-0.04	1.75

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	294.50	313.30	+0.60	3.15
UK Sm Cos Eqy	187.90	199.90	+1.20	3.21
European	312.10	332.10	+0.90	1.75
North American	253.70	269.90	+3.00	0.57
Income Plus Inc	61.97	65.93	+0.12	3.78
UK Spec Sits	64.41	68.53	+0.13	2.88

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	24.35	26.06	+0.10	3.25
Intl Growth Acc	26.16	28.00	+0.18	1.35
Global Inc Acc	29.84	31.73	+0.14	4.36
Market Ldrs Acc	24.72	26.46†	+0.15	3.18

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	83.52	89.32	+0.12	...
Euro Spec Sits	40.60	43.22	-0.34	...
-do- Acc	43.07	45.76	-0.37	...
Far East Opps	27.34	29.69	-0.18	...
-do- Acc	28.30	30.51	-0.18	...
General Growth	95.48	102.50†	-0.20	...
Global Tech	125.00	134.90	+1.40	...
Income Growth	96.13	103.40†	+0.50	4.00
Income Monthly	55.23	59.06	+0.07	5.31
Japan Growth	61.97	65.89	-0.36	..
Overseas Gth	69.48	73.97	-0.18	...
Smaller Cos	66.85	71.88	-0.09	1.97
Special Opps	90.02	96.79†	+0.46	2.17
Wld Spec Sits	42.15	45.38†	-0.02	...
-do- Acc	42.25	45.49†	-0.02	...

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	41.97	44.60	+0.80	1.93
Equity Gth Acc	57.29	60.88	+0.60	1.23
UK Eq General	41.09	43.66	-0.70	2.48
-do- Acc	53.92	57.29	-0.90	2.48
European Acc	39.03	41.47	+0.40	1.53
Far East Acc	45.31	48.15	+1.10	0.41
Gilts Fxd Int Inc	29.89	31.61	+0.10	6.69
N American Acc	44.80	47.60	+1.10	0.98
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	249.60	270.90	+5.50	1.76
UK Eq High Inc	34.05	36.18	+0.70	4.05
-do- Acc	39.68	42.36	+0.90	4.05
UK Lgr Cos Inc	282.10	306.10	+4.60	3.97
UK Lgr Cos Acc	362.80	393.70	+5.90	3.97

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	NZ$33.31	NZ$33.51		0.90
US Eq	51.970	52.092	.	0.99
Far East Eq	Y196.9	Y209.1	...	...
Japan Eq	Y194.5	Y206.6	...	...
FT Europe	109.20	116.00	..	1.16
FT North Am	$1.688	$1.793	.	0.87
FT Japan	Y195.9	Y207.4	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	104.70	111.30	.	1.45

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	351.60	373.20	-0.60	0.29
British	908.60	961.30	-8.70	4.68
European	349.90	372.60	-1.30	1.71
Japan	112.90	120.20	-0.10	.
New Pacific	269.40	286.90	+2.20	1.46
Mngd Cash	95.75	95.75	...	6.04
Majority Stlg	99.92	100.92	+0.01	6.18
Inv Tst	173.40	183.80	+0.70	2.09
Saints PPP	342.40	360.40	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	691.20	739.30†	-8.20	2.69
N America Acc	115.10	123.10†	+0.70	0.28
Far East Acc	106.60	114.00†	-0.40	0.25
W wide Bond	60.67	64.41	-0.05	5.40
European	77.66	83.05	+0.07	0.85
Equity Income	77.55	82.94	+0.11	4.29

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	34.21	36.59	+0.23	0.95
Managed Assets	113.60	121.50†	+0.33	3.70
UK Income	35.16	37.61	+0.21	4.04
UK Growth	35.15	37.60	-0.12	2.77
Worldwide Gth	28.45	30.43	+0.14	0.52

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE. 0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	200.82	213.64	-1.56	0.20
-do- Acc	220.57	234.65	-1.71	0.20
British Gth	81.99	87.23	-0.92	2.27
-do- Acc	95.68	101.79	-1.08	2.27
European	86.46	91.98	-0.70	0.86
-do- Acc	91.20	97.02	-0.74	0.86
Extra Inc	174.52	185.66	-1.07	4.72
-do- Acc	273.99	291.48	-1.67	4.72
General Unit	249.68	265.61†	-2.24	2.64
-do- Acc	492.55	523.99†	-4.42	2.64
Income	304.17	323.59	-1.50	3.83
-do- Acc	619.55	659.10	-3.06	3.83
International	467.54	497.38	-2.90	0.64
-do- Acc	611.14	650.15	-3.79	0.64
Pacific	298.79	317.86	-6.76	0.02
-do- Acc	312.92	332.89	-7.07	0.02
Premier Income	49.50	51.56†	+0.17	7.24
-do- Acc	101.64	105.88†	+0.34	7.24
Nat Resources	87.38	92.96	-1.99	...
-do- Acc	95.81	101.93	-2.18	...
Selected Opps	88.42	94.06	-0.50	1.30
-do- Acc	110.41	117.46	-0.63	1.30

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Eagle	120.30	128.40†	...	0.40
Australia	6.406	6.870†	+0.030	1.16
Equity	175.30	187.50†	-0.90	5.46
Euro Sper Sits	135.30	143.70	-0.20	0.60
Financial	36.63	39.20	-0.10	3.10
Global Opps Inc	84.50	90.20	+0.23	2.21
-do- Acc	87.59	93.50	+0.25	2.21
Gold Gen Inc	37.63	40.33	+0.03	1.09
-do- Acc	71.79	76.97	+0.07	1.09
Income	113.80	121.90	+0.60	5.08
Japan General	117.20	124.70	-0.20	..
Preference	21.33	22.90†	+0.10	7.92
UK Capital	98.87	105.80†	-0.10	3.19
Worldwide Cap	189.00	201.80†	...	1.18
World Income	78.80	83.96†	+0.23	3.62

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	67.33	71.81	-2.57	...
-do- Acc	69.45	74.08	-2.65	...
Cash	51.20	51.20	+0.01	6.25
-do- Acc	60.94	60.94	+0.01	6.25
European Opps	58.19	61.98	-0.03	0.48
-do- Acc	58.80	62.62	-0.02	0.48
Far East Opps	129.59	138.22	+0.07	0.70
-do- Acc	132.60	141.44	+0.07	0.70
Gold/Nat. Res	33.84	36.09	-0.31	...
-do- Acc	34.81	37.13	-0.32	...
Japan	60.67	64.60	-0.16	...
-do- Acc	60.67	64.60	-0.16	..
Little Dragons	60.49	64.52	+0.44	0.77
-do- Acc	62.06	66.19	+0.46	0.77
Oriental Income	37.85	40.37	+0.09	3.94
-do- Acc	47.77	50.95	+0.09	3.94
Tiger	193.51	206.41	+0.88	1.28
-do- Acc	202.41	215.90	+0.92	1.28
UK Small Cos	64.82	69.31	+0.49	2.35
-do- Acc	74.31	79.47	+0.55	2.35

UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	215.50	229.90	+2.30	4.58

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	9.61	10.22	-0.07	0.50
Pacific Basin	28	29.78	-0.04	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.19	38.50	+0.36	0.10
Global Bond	$0.948	$0.987	+0.003	7.25
Penny Share	19.47	20.71	+0.19	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.07	52.07†	..	6.23
Gilt Growth	64.50	67.13	-0.02	..
Gilt Income	51.91	54.01	-0.02	8.00
Short Drd Gilt	109.30	110.70	+0.10	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.706	$0.717	-0.000	...
Challenger	91.81	94.00	-0.36	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0785 388846

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	64.85	68.98	-0.31	2.35

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	6,000	Coats Viy	4,900	Legal & Gn	722	Scot & New	464
Alld-Lyons	2,500	Cm Union	657	Lloyds Bk	5,100	Scot Power	3,200
Anglian W	596	Courtaulds	547	MB Cardn	1,400	Sears	3,000
Argyll Gp	1,400	De La Rue	131	Marks Spr	13,000	Svrn Trent	1,100
Arjo Wiggn	2,100	Eng China C	464	NFC	907	Shell Trans	4,100
AB Foods	523	Enterpr Oil	1,500	NatWst Bk	5,600	Siebe	1,300
BAA	1,300	Fisons	8,200	Nat Power	2,500	SmKl Bch	3,000
BAT Inds	1,700	Forte	4,300	Nth Wst W	1,000	Smith Nph	1,200
BOC	1,400	GRE	2,400	Nthrn Fds	6,500	Smith (WH)	1,400
BP	12,000	GUS A	294	P & O	1,700	Sthrn Elec	531
BT	6,400	Gen Acc	447	Pearson	2,000	Std Chartd	530
BTR	4,800	Gen Elec	7,400	PowerGen	2,000	Sun Allnce	2,800
Bk of Scot	5,600	Glaxo	9,800	Prudential	5,500	TI Gp	1,800
Barclays	9,000	Granada	4,400	RTZ	1,400	TSB	5,500
Bass	1,700	Grand Met	4,600	Rank Org	1,800	Tate & Lyle	3,100
Blue Circle	4,000	Guinness	2,200	Reckitt Col	253	Tesco	4,800
Boots	1,600	HSBC	5,500	Redland	962	Thames W	1,200
Bowater	638	Hanson	11,000	Reed Intl	487	Thrn EMI	804
Brit Airwys	3,600	ICI	1,400	Rentokil	958	Tomkins	1,300
Brit Gas	14,000	Inchcape	1,200	Reuters	1,000	Unilever	1,600
Brit Steel	7,700	Kingfisher	976	Rothmans	1,000	Utd Bisc	2,600
Burmah Cast	659	Kwik Save	715	Ryl Ins	1,200	Vodafone	7,400
Cable Wire	2,400	LASMO	3,400	Ryl Bk Scot	6,700	Wellcome	2,200
Cadbury	1,600	Ladbroke	5,800	Sainsbury	1,500	Whitbd 'A'	473
Carlton Cms	718	Land Secs	1,400	Scot Hydro	1,200	Wlims Hld	697

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3326.78 (-5.40)
S&P Composite 441.40 (-1.12)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 17186.31 (-52.67)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5662.53 (-35.25)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 98.0 (-0.4)

Sydney: AO 1530.2 (+1.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1583.09 (-2.07)

FT 30 share: 2195.7 (-11.8)

Brussels:
General 5930.89 (-42.78)

Paris: CAC 478.77 (+6.36)

Zurich: SKA Gen 464.9 (+1.1)

London:
FT A All-Share 1378.96 (-5.48)
FT 500 1516.40 (-7.28)
FT Gold Mines 79.9 (+3.6)
FT Fixed Interest 110.75 (+0.81)
FT Govt Secs 95.27 (+0.06)
Bargains 35604
SEAQ Volume 854.5m
USM (Datastrm) 128.69 (+0.53)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 25	February 12	May 6	May 17

Call options were taken out on 2/2/93: AMEC, Bellhaven, Bellwinch, BM Group, Caverdale, Countryside Prop, Emess, Fairhaven Intl, Govett, Lep, Nat Home Loan Prf, Norex, Pegasus, A Proudfoot. Puts: ADT, Pentos, Tay Homes.
Puts & Calls: Blue Circle, Hanson Wts, Ferranti, Fairhaven Intl.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2868.0	2873.0	2830.0	2838.0	14504
Previous open interest: 53775	Jun 93	2878.0	2880.0	2848.0	2850.5	2015
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	94.41	94.41	94.28	94.30	31055
Previous open interest: 278726	Jun 93	94.71	94.74	94.65	94.70	16976
	Sep 93	94.73	94.78	94.65	94.75	6490
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.66	96.66	96.63	96.63	1155
Previous open interest: 20672	Jun 93	96.44	96.44	96.41	96.42	633
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	92.09	92.10	92.04	92.04	23554
Previous open interest: 440402	Jun 93	92.90	92.94	92.89	92.91	21512
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	107-03	107-03	106-28	106-28	42
Previous open interest: 810	Jun 93				105-19	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	101-31	102-05	101-21	102-04	36164
Previous open interest: 68054	Jun 93	102-24	103-00	102-20	103-02	319
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	109.72	109.73	109.64	109.69	942
	Jun 93	109.03	109.03	109.00	109.02	95
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.12	93.21	93.07	93.15	32473
Previous open interest: 150319	Jun 93	93.13	93.21	93.12	93.20	732
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.48	90.50	90.45	90.49	554
Previous open interest: 13768	Jun 93	91.50	91.53	91.47	91.52	502
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.66	94.74	94.62	94.68	8001
Previous open interest: 41265	Jun 93	94.95	95.02	94.94	95.01	2089
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	95.38	95.72	95.17	95.65	12799
Previous open interest: 27321	Jun 93	95.22	95.41	95.15	95.55	11

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 77.1 (day's range 77.1-77.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6662-2.6903	2.6662-2.6696	¼-½ds	1¼-1¾ds
Brussels	48.70-49.19	48.85-48.95	5-8ds	22-28ds
Copenhagen	9.1470-9.2170	9.1500-9.1710	6½-8¼ds	13½-17¼ds
Dublin	0.9700-0.9776	0.9701-0.9774	58-94ds	179-233ds
Frankfurt	2.3720-2.3904	2.3720-2.3752	¼-½ds	1¼-1¾ds
Lisbon	213.80-216.24	213.93-214.38	119-130ds	387-412ds
Madrid	167.70-170.00	168.10-169.00	95-105ds	314-339ds
Milan	2197.10-2215.90	2197.10-2206.00	8-10ds	29-32ds
Montreal	1.8249-1.8543	1.8249-1.8270	0.12-0.02pr	0.10-0.15ds
New York	1.4455-1.4665	1.4455-1.4465	0.40-0.39pr	1.06-1.04pr
Oslo	10.0580-10.1740	10.0750-10.0970	2¼-3⅞ds	8¼-10⅝ds
Paris	8.0260-8.0810	8.0260-8.0400	3⅜-4¼ds	12½-13⅜ds
Stockholm	10.7150-10.8970	10.7470-10.7700	2⅞-4¼ds	10-12⅜ds
Tokyo	180.00-182.88	180.00-180.21	½-¼pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Vienna	16.63-16.83	16.66-16.71	1¾-2¼ds	7¼-8⅞ds
Zurich	2.2087-2.2167	2.2087-2.2117	¼-⅛pr	½-¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4515-1.4541
Australia dollar	2.1464-2.1496
Bahrain dinar	0.546-0.558
Brazil cruzeiro *	23451.4-23492.0
Cyprus pound	0.706-0.716
Finland markka	8.2345-8.3505
Greece drachma	316.0-323.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.2365-11.2458
India rupee	42.35-43.31
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4425-0.4555
Malaysia ringgit	3.8128-3.8184
Mexico peso	4.5-4.6
New Zealand dollar	2.8186-2.8261
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.427-5.553
Singapore dollar	2.3960-2.3992
S Africa rand (fin)	6.76-6.87
S Africa rand (com)	4.4736-4.4811
U A E dirham	5.3155-5.4395

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4777-1.4788
Austria	11.46-11.48
Belgium (Com)	33.54-33.58
Canada	1.2625-1.2630
Denmark	6.2825-6.2925
France	5.528-5.533
Germany	1.6365-1.6375
Hong Kong	7.736-7.737
Ireland	1.4875-1.4975
Italy	1517.0-1522.0
Japan	124.83-124.88
Malaysia	2.625-2.627
Netherlands	1.8395-1.8405
Norway	6.9275-6.9375
Portugal	147.25-147.45
Singapore	1.6485-1.6495
Spain	115.5-116.0
Sweden	7.38-7.39
Switzerland	1.5163-1.5173

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 4 Week fixed: 6¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5 19/32. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5 15/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 27/32-5 23/32	5 25/32-5 21/32	5⅝-5½	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6-6⅞	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5 11/16
Interbank	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6-6⅞	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5 11/16
Overnight: open 6¼, close 4.					
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	5⅞	5¾
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6	6 1/32-6	6-5 29/32	5 25/32-5¾	5 21/32-5 9/16
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.03	n/a	3.14-3.11	3.28-3.25	3.57-3.54
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	5⅞-5¾	5 11/16-5 9/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 29,1993 Agreed rates Feb 24, 1993 to Mar 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.32%. Schemes II & III: 8.30%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1993 to Jan 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 7.0%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8 11/16-8 9/16	8⅝-8½	8⅛-8	8-7⅞	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	12½-12¼	13¼-12⅞	12½-12¼	11¾-11½	16-12
Swiss Franc:	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-4½
Yen:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	4¼-3¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $329.90-330.30 Close: $329.80-330.30 High: $330.10-330.60 Low: $328.80-329.30 Krugerrand: $329.00-331.00 (£226.50-228.50)
Sovereigns: Old $78.00-81.00 (£52.00-54.00) New $78.00-81.00 (£52.00-54.00)
Platinum: $358.35 (£246.55) Silver: $3.69 (£2.545) Palladium: $110.50 (£76.00)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	45	58	67	11	27	32
(*579)	600	19	32	41	35	54	58
ASDA	57	9	13½	15½	4½	6	7½
(*63)	67	6	8½	11½	8	10	13
Bass	550	55	69	81	11	23	30
(*589½)	600	25	42	55	33	44	53
Boots	500	19	31	38	25	37	43
(*489)	550	5½	14	21	63	72	76
Br Airways	280	22	30	35	13	23	28
(*288)	300	13	20	26	26	35	38
BP	220	39	40	44	3	6	9
(*258)	240	22	28	31	7	13	16
	260	10½	17½	21	16	22	25
Br Steel	70	10½	14	16	5	8	9½
(*76)	80	5½	9	11½	10	13½	16
C & W	700	36	55	66	27	43	53
(*704½)	750	16	32	45	59	75	82
CU	600	26	38	45	30	41	51
(*607)	650	7½	20	26	68	74	83
Courtauld	550	37	50	60	20	32	40
(*565½)	600	15	27	37	48	62	67
GKN	460	26	35	44	23	31	37
(*471½)	500	8	19	28	51	56	60
Grnd Met	420	33	47	54	13	22	29
(*435)	460	14	28	35	34	42	49
ICI	1100	75	99	107	35	56	72
(*1150)	1150	41	71	84	60	82	100
	1200	20	53	63	97	116	135
Kingfishr	550	34	45	53	21	35	45
(*556½)	600	12	25	33	52	68	73
Ladbroke	200	19	28	34	15	24	29
(*204)	220	10½	18	25	29	35	41
Land Sec	460	35	41	45	7½	22	25
(*481)	500	12	18	24	26	45	47
M & S	300	33	39	43	5	11	14
(*325½)	330	14	21	27	17	25	28
Sainsbury	550	48	57	67	10	21	27
(*582)	600	19	31	42	32	46	52
Shell	550	24	38	44	16	23	30
(*568)	600	5½	15	22	51	55	60
Smkl Bch	460	45	58	69	10	20	26
(*485)	500	19	37	47	27	38	45
Storehse	200	18	26	34	8	14	18
(*205½)	220	11	17	22	21	25	28
Trafalgar	90	12	15	19	5½	9	13
(*94)	100	7	11	14	11½	16	18
Unilever	1100	53	72	92	30	42	50
(*1130½)	1150	29	48	66	58	70	76
Utd Bisc	360	16	23	33	21	27	30
(*361½)	390	5½	13	20	44	48	50

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	750	33	54	64	8	22	35
(*770)	800	8	29	40	37	47	60
BAT Ind	950	37	51	67	12	42	52
(*973)	1000	12	26	44	38	73	81
BTR	550	13	23	32	10	27	32
(*555)	600	2	7	15	50	62	65
Br Aero	260	21	38	52	16	35	44
(*274)	280	13	32	43	23	45	55
Br Telcm	390	26	36	41	3	7	15
(*412½)	420	5½	17½	24	14	20	29
Cadbury	460	13	23	33	11	27	33
(*463½)	500	3½	9	17	42	53	60
Guinness	460	13	25	37	16	33	42
(*455½)	500	2½	13	23	50	64	70
GEC	280	16	24	28	3	7½	13½
(*292)	300	4½	12	17	12	17	25
Hanson	240	17½	21	25	2	6½	10½
(*257)	260	4½	10½	14	8½	15½	20
LASMO	160	10	18	24	7½	17	21
(*163)	180	3½	10½	17	21	30	34
Lucas	140	15	22	27	4½	13	15
(*149)	160	5	13	17	15	23	27
P & O	550	22	40	52	15	40	52
(*557½)	600	5	20	33	47	72	82
Pilkingtn	100	7	13	17	7	12	17
(*99)	110	3½	9½	12	14	18	23
Prudential	300	18	24	29	4	13	18
(*314)	330	3½	9	15	20	31	35
RTZ	600	87	92	100	2	13	20
(*680½)	650	40	50	65	8	28	37
Scot New	360	77	81	-	1	3	-
(*433½)	390	47	56	61	2	5	13
Tesco	260	10	17	24	7½	16	22
(*261)	280	3	9½	13	21	30	34
Thames W	460	25	37	42	4	11	22
(*480)	500	4	15	21	24	30	44
Vodafone	360	32	45	52	3½	12	19
(*380½)	390	12	27	34	15	25	33

FT-SE INDEX (*2835)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Feb	139	92	52	26	10	4
Mar	160	115	80	52	34	18
Apr	198	149	122	75	51	40
May	212	176	128	94	84	66
Jun	215	-	148	-	88	-
Puts						
Feb	3	8	21	45	82	102
Mar	16	27	43	67	98	120
Apr	25	43	56	69	95	129
May	38	50	75	90	115	150
Jun	56	-	90	-	130	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	360	23	30	38	12	18	24
(*373)	390	8	16	24	31	36	41
Amstrad	20	5½	6½	7½	2	1½	2½
(*24)	25	2½	4	4	3	4	4½
Barclays	420	31	41	48	16	28	38
(*439½)	460	11	23	30	42	51	62
Blue Circ	220	23	30	36	10½	24	31
(*227½)	240	13	20	29	23	36	42
Br Gas	260	29	31	34	2½	8	11
(*284)	280	14	18	23	7½	15	18
	300	6	9½	14	18	28	30
Dixons	220	15	25	28	12	20	25
(*223½)	240	8	16	19	24	30	36
Eurotnl	390	40	57	70	16	30	38
(*407½)	420	23	41	55	31	46	53
Forte	180	14	19	24	10	20	24
(*183½)	200	6	12	16	22	34	37
Glaxo	650	37	60	80	26	38	53
(*657½)	700	17	38	59	57	70	80
	750	6½	24	38	100	105	114
HSBC	550	31	43	55	31	48	58
(*557½)	600	10	24	37	67	80	88
Hillsdwn	140	17	22	24	7	15	19
(*148)	160	6	12	16	18	27	31
Lonrho	70	10½	13½	16	4½	8	10
(*76)	80	5½	9½	11	10	13½	16
Reuter	1400	62	98	130	55	90	110
(*1402½)	1450	35	74	108	83	118	143
R-Royce	130	9	13	18	11	15	18
(*130)	140	5	10	14	17	21	24
Sears	100	8	11	14	5½	9	13
(*101)	110	4	7	9	11	16	18
Thrn Emi	800	47	70	80	13	27	44
(*825)	850	22	40	52	38	50	72
TSB	160	12	17	26	6½	11	14
(*169)	180	5½	8	15	19	21	26
Vaal Reefs	30	6	6	6½	3	4	4½
(*34)	35	2	4	5½	5½	6	8
Wellcome	850	50	75	100	28	47	63
(*852½)	900	27	55	79	55	77	90

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons	200	38	46	53	9	19	24
(*224)	220	26	35	42	17	29	35

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastrn Elc	400	21	34	-	5½	14	-
(*414)	430	6	-	-	20	-	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	280	25	34	37	5½	11	17
(*296)	300	13	20	26	14	19	26
Scot Pwr	200	23	28	32	2	4	8
(*213½)	220	8½	16	19½	7½	10½	18

February 2, 1993 Tot: 24923 Call: 14063 Put: 10860 FT-SE Call: 4581 Put: 2165
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Robusta coffee futures finished with gains of up to $40 a tonne as the market regained further ground lost during the recent slide. Continued short covering featured on wheat as traders sought to close positions or hedge off physical sales on markets that were still void of any profit taking or feature selling. New crops also remained close to unchanged as selling interest builds in volume.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	726-725	May	821-819
Mar	735-737	Jul	836-835
Jul	751-750	Sep	850-846
Sep	764-763	Dec	871-868
Dec	785-783		
Mar	806-803		Volume: 3884

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	940-930	Nov	945 SLR
May	935-930	Jan	960 SLR
Jul	925-923	Mar	unq
Sep	933 SLR		Volume: 2847

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	189.0-87.0
Spot: 178.2		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	181.2-80.2	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	189.0-87.0	May	198.0-97.0
Aug	190.0-88.0		Volume: 382

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	241.8-40.0
Spot: 258.8		Dec	241.5-39.0
Mar	250.0-49.6	Mar	241.0-38.5
May	252.5-51.7	May	244.0-39.5
Aug	256.3-54.7		Volume: 947

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.05	93.81	119.45
(+/-)	-0.61	+1.71	+3.20
Eng/Wales:	80.66	94.01	118.61
(+/-)	-0.19	+2.03	+3.07
(%)	+3.0	-0.7	-1.4
Scotland:	85.03	92.14	122.24
(+/-)	+4.74	-0.52	+3.95
(%)	-57.0	-38.9	-15.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mar	unq	unq	Jun	105.5	105.5
Apr	unq	unq			Volume: 19

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	142.45
May	144.15
Jun	144.75
Sep	111.40
Nov	113.50
	Volume: 322

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	137.20
May	138.00
Sep	109.65
Nov	112.25
Jan	115.65
	Volume: 100

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	162.00
Apr	157.00
Jun	147.50
Aug	148.50
Oct	unq
	Volume: 25

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	51.5	49.6
May	61.0	58.6
Apr	87.0	87.0
		Volume: 283

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Mar 69.25-68.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): In the absence of headline news, oil prices continued to drift aimlessly.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.40	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Feb)	18.45	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.35	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	20.10	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.10	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	190 (n/c)	192 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	169 (-1)	170 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Mar	170 (-2)	171 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Apr	171 (-1)	172 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (n/c)	70 (n/c)
Naphtha	181 (n/c)	182 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	167.25-67.50	May	169.00-69.25
Mar	168.00-68.25	Jun	169.75-70.25
Apr	168.75 SLR	Jul	171.50-71.75
			Vol: 20172

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	18.34-18.35	Jun	18.45-18.48
Apr	18.36-18.37	Jul	18.52 SLR
May	18.40-18.43		Vol: 26106

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	188.00-92.00	May	198.00-00.00
Mar	196.00 SLR	Jun	198.00-02.00
Apr	196.00-99.00		Vol: 53

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 93	1275	1275	1277
Mar 93	1295	1290	1290
Apr 93	1295	1287	1287
Jul 93	—	—	1150

Vol: 39 lots. Open int'st: 2674 Index 1277 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1519.0-1519.5	1541.5-1542.0	118150
Lead (£/tonne)	284.50-285.00	294.50-295.00	50250
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1099.5-1100.0	1119.0-1120.0	543400
Tin ($/tonne)	5695.0-5705.0	5755.0-5760.0	15130
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1192.0-1192.5	1214.5-1215.0	570600
Nickel ($/tonne)	1031.0-1033.0	1051.0-1053.0	131950

هكذا من الأصل

Shares lose ground

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 1. Dealings end February 12. §Contango day February 15. Settlement day February 22. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Honeysuckle	Drapery,Strs	
2	Spring Ram	Industrial	
3	Cookson	Industrial	
4	Harris (Philip)	Industrial	
5	Triplex Lloyd	Industrial	
6	Ward Hldgs	Building,Rds	
7	Burtonwd Brw	Breweries	
8	Scott Pickford	Business Serv	
9	Brixton	Property	
10	Utd Nwspapr	Newspapr,Pub	
11	Hunting	Industrial	
12	Powerscreen	Industrial	
13	Boot (Henry)	Building,Rds	
14	Bowthorpe	Electrical	
15	Barclays	Banks,Disc	
16	Unisel	Mining	
17	Sterling Pub	Newspapr,Pub	
18	HSBC	Banks,Disc	
19	Warner Howard	Business Serv	
20	GKN	Industrial	
21	GEI Int	Industrial	
22	Norweb	Electricity	
23	Billam (J)	Industrial	
24	Rugby Group	Building,Rds	
25	Ulster TV	Leisure	
26	Gowett	Finance, Land	
27	Simon Eng	Industrial	
28	News Intl	Newspapr,Pub	
29	Westbury	Building,Rds	
30	Exp Co Louis	Oils, Gas	
31	Independent	Newspapr,Pub	
32	WPP	Paper,Print	
33	Telegraph	Newspapr,Pub	
34	Photo-Me	Industrial	
35	Mowlem (J)	Building,Rds	
36	Wessex Water	Water	
37	Br Petroleum	Oils, Gas	
38	Charter Cons	Industrial	
39	CML Micro	Electrical	
40	Smith New Crt	Fin Trusts	
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Please take into account any minus signs

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	19	McCarthy & S	25	...	0.5	6.1	...
431	161	Meyer Int	309	+1	16.5	7.1	31.8
14	4	Miskin Grp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	77	+6	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	78	...	...	...	...
166	90	Newman Tnks	113	...	...	9.4	...
372	146	Persimmon	336	+5	8.6	4.9	19.4
36	19	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.7	8.9
155	56	Prowting	85	...	3.4	5.3	...
22	3½	Quiligotti	5	...	...	...	...
666	383	RMC Gp	583	-10	20.0	4.6	31.7
137	67	Raine Ind	107	-1	0.0	7.5	17.9
96	23	Ramus	30	...	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	451	-11	25.0	7.4	28.2
101	61	Ruskel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
246	152	Rugby Group	223	+4	6.4	3.9	16.8
48	25	Smith-Rvea	33	...	...	...	...
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	75	+1	4.0	7.1	5.9
135	75	Sheffield Insl	135	...	5.4	5.3	34.9
95	57	Sherill Hldgs	85	...	...	3.1	12.7
85	51	Sportoe	68	...	...	10.2	10.5
272	144	Smart (J)	222	...	8.5	5.1	10.1
15	5	Starmin	5	...	0.3	8.0	0.0
181	51	Tarmac	113	-1	5.5	6.5	46.7
236	139	Tay Homes	184	+3	5.8	4.2	10.1
142	34	Taylor Woodrw	74½	...	...	...	10.5
583	308	Tilbury Douglas	515	+22	33.0	8.5	17.0
48	18	Turcs Hires	22	...	...	2.4	...
238	105	Travis Perkins	179	+1	8.0	6.0	25.3
58	25	Try Group	31	...	0.0	...	4.2
38	25	Tudor	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	60	...	3.6	8.0	11.0
55	12	Ward Hldgs	28	+3	0.5	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	265	Watts Blake	450	-15	9.3	2.8	23.4
19	4	Wescola	9	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	112	+4	...	5.8	...
18	5	West Scaffold	5	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
491	215	Wilson Bowdn	394	...	8.7	2.9	20.2
221	96	Wilson (C)	164	+7	3.9	3.2	26.0
189	65	Wimpey G	136	+3	...	5.1	52.3
81	26	YRM	27	...	4.0	...	3.1

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
399	249½	Abbey Nil	373	-7½	10.5	3.8	12.9
205	154	Allied Irish	170	...	...	6.0	11.5
197½	106	Aus New Z	137½	-1½	...	6.5	...
3650	1906¼	Bankamerica	3650 †	+25	...	...	...
205	144	Bk of Ireland	201	+1	...	6.3	30.4
345	330	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
136	97	Bank Scotland	132	...	4.3	4.4	20.8
444	274	Barclays	439	+3	21.1	6.4	...
6	1¼	Benchmark	2¼	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	35	-1	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
436	236	Cater Allen	435	...	26.0	8.0	...
102	61	Castles	101	-1	3.8	5.0	14.8
2060	912½	Chase Manh	2050 †	...	...	...	...
1762½	537½	Citicorp	1762½	...	...	...	...
290	205	Close Bros	288	...	9.5	4.4	12.8
£108	8687½	Commerzbk	£108	+200	...	3.7	...
£281	L214	Deutsche Bk	£272	+25	...	2.2	...
92	13	Firs Nat Fin	90	...	...	...	...
1104	495	Fuji Bank Y	961	...	...	0.5	58.8
411	230	Gerrard Nat	410	+1	21.0	6.8	...
570	236	HSBC	558	+7	...	3.5	22.9
577	313	HSBC HK	538½	+6½	...	3.7	22.1
292	202	Hambros	281	+1	13.8	6.3	12.9
355	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
116	54	King Shaxson	116	+3	5.0	5.7	...
356	212	Kleinwort Ben	356	+3	16.0	6.0	31.2
573	346	Lloyds	554	-5	16.7	4.0	18.8
77	40	Lon Scot Bk	75½	...	3.0	5.3	...
351	258	Nat Aust Bk	347	+3	...	5.8	12.0
464	251	Nat West	462	+3	17.5	5.1	63.8
747	418	Provident	741	-3	25.0	4.5	16.9
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	...	0.5	1.5
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	245	-6	8.8	4.8	...
1485	1043	Schroders	1485	...	18.0	1.6	17.3
672	364	Stand Chart	640	-5	20.0	4.2	16.5
173	115	TSB	169	-3	6.4	5.1	-
200	38	Union Disc	107	-1	13.5	...	...
515	403	Warburg SG	615	+15	18.0	3.9	18.2
212	137	-do- 6% 'A'	212	-5	...	3.8	...
6600	2087½	Wells Fargo	6562½	-37½	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	139	+3	...	5.8	-
253	188	Wintrust	198	...	9.3	6.4	7.5

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	579	-10	20.0	4.6	13.4
656	472	Bass	590	+1	18.9	4.3	12.8
205	146	Boddington	194	-1	6.6	4.5	12.3
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	364	...	9.0	3.3	16.8
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	152	+2	4.4	3.9	11.1
291	194	Devenish (JA)	275	...	7.8	3.8	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	94	+1	...	4.6	24.9
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	62	...	...	2.2	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	353	...	...	2.5	14.8
518	360	Grand Met	435	-6	12.3	3.8	14.4
424½	283	Greenalls Grp	407	-2	11.7	3.9	13.5
530	405	Greene King	527	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	450	Guinness	457	-3	10.8	3.2	13.1
346	245	Hardy Hansn	277	...	7.9	3.8	15.4
145	113	Hemtree	113	...	3.0	3.6	15.7
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
306	191	Highland Distl	262	-1	6.0	3.1	17.4
48	21	Hoskins Brew	41	+1	...	...	20.5
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	252	-12	6.5	3.4	14.2
220	151	Macallan-Glen	169	...	0.7	0.6	34.1
420	380	Macdn Martn 'A'	418	...	8.8	2.6	13.1
720	515	Mansfield	682	...	13.6	2.7	14.6
269	166	Mrston Thmp	336	...	4.8	2.8	13.8
477	394	Matthew Clark	425 †	...	15.7	4.9	12.7
351	195	Mrrydwn W	299	...	...	2.8	21.6
495	320	Morland	488	...	8.4	2.3	19.5
10½	5½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	15.1
1020	665	SA Breweries	863	+43	...	3.1	-
492	380	Scot & New	434	-3	16.1	4.9	11.8
200	145	Taunton Cider	183	...	...	3.5	17.1
240	148	Vaux Group	240	+5	9.3	5.2	16.5
219	165	Wetherspoon JD	248	-1	...	2.6	20.0
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	456	+2	16.9	5.0	12.8
1436	1090	-do- 'B'	1100	+5	16.9	2.1	31.0
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	583	+1	11.4	2.6	16.4
545	455	Young 'A'	513	...	14.5	3.8	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Abbey	95	...	...	1.5	32.4
26	9	Albrighton	14	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allen	95	+5	...	7.0	10.8
182	53	Amec	74	...	10.2	...	6.8
27	2½	Anglia Sec	8	...	...	...	...
190	85	Ashtead	177	-1	4.1	3.1	23.8
135	100	Attwoods	132	-1	5.0	5.1	19.1
208	123	BPB Ind	204	+1	11.2	...	51.9
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	78	...	3.1	5.3	26.2
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	29	...	0.5	2.5	...
115	68	Barcom	95	+2	1.2	1.8	17.2
130	54	Barratt Devs	129	...	2.0	2.1	14.4
356	193	Bellway	356	+1	11.5	4.3	19.7
30	14	Bellwinch	27	-3	...	...	...
355	186	Berkeley Gp	349	-1	5.0	1.9	23.1
100	45	Ben Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
86	27	Blockleys	40	-1	3.3	...	39.8
254½	121	Blue Circle	228	-5	11.2	6.6	22.8
245	140½	Boot (Henry)	245	+3	...	2.9	13.4
108	62	Breedon PLC	103	...	4.0	6.0	19.9
132	66	Br Dredging	90	-1	7.4	11.0	11.7
180	42	Brit Fittings	66	-1	5.3	...	...
116	60	Bryant	109	...	4.8	5.9	21.6
80	38	CALA	63	-1	2.3	4.9	...
340	187	CRH	228	-1	...	4.1	12.0
48	14	Cakebread Rby	43	+1	...	...	...
82	18½	Costain	24	-1	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	116	+8	4.1	4.8	39.9
00	23	Crest Nicholson	54½	+3½	0.0	...	...
56	14	Cussins	30	...	...	...	...
6	¼	Dunton	5	...	...	...	...
45	11	Edmond Hldgs	17½	...	1.8	...	7.2
211	132	Epwin	181	+1	...	4.9	14.9
54	23	Erith	35	...	2.0	...	...
267	220	Eve Group	265	...	...	4.9	9.5
88	25	Evered Bardon	4½	...	5.0	...	24.8
10	3	Explaura	5	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp	98	...	...	...	...
79	40	Galliford	48	...	4.3	11.9	19.3
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	78	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	710	...	12.7	2.4	10.5
111	67	Hewden-Stuart	96½	...	3.1	4.4	20.1
63	26	Hewetson	38	...	2.6	...	37.3
28	15	Hey & Croft	16 #	...	...	...	...
388	128	Heywd Wlm	205	-2	12.5	8.1	18.8
108	29	Higgs & Hill	80	...	9.0	...	10.1
38	23	How Gp	30	-1	2.5	...	10.4
30	10	Howard Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.5	...
96	36	Ibstock Johnsen	47	...	6.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	19½	...	0.5	...	...
240	100	Laing (J)	204	...	9.0	5.9	10.6
35	3½	Lilley	7 #	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	77	Ln Clydesdale	78 †	...	4.5	7.7	29.4
3½	4½	Lovell (YJ)	14½	...	...	...	6.6
296	180	Manders	276	-1	7.0	3.4	19.2
148	57	Marley	100	...	4.2	5.6	25.2
97	47	Marshalls	64	...	...	10.4	21.4
155	101	Maunders (J)	123	...	4.9	5.4	11.3
219	76	McAlpine (A)	119	+1	10.3	...	8.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	343	ADT	493	...	...	...	-
248	193	Adam & Harvey	218	...	11.0	6.7	3.4
127	53	Air London	73	-1	...	6.4	9.0
63	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
152	81	Auto Sec	137	+2	4.9	4.8	11.1
208	80	BET Ord	103	-1	...	8.4	15.1
100	47	BNB Res	68	+3	4.9	9.6	8.0
318	208	BPP	318	...	6.9	2.9	18.0
285	178	Barbour Index	271	...	7.2	3.6	20.1
30½	13	Boustead	16	...	0.7	5.8	32.7
211	111	Brit Data Mgt	211	+1	...	2.5	17.6
14	4	Broadcastle	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	89	+1	2.4	3.6	10.1
437	262	Capita Group	434	...	5.4	1.7	24.0
36	19	Caskel Plc	34½	...	0.5	1.9	13.1
220	25½	Chiltern Capital	50	+6	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	26	...	...	...	...
259	180	Chubb Sec	255	+1	...	1.5	28.2
43	18	Comac	25	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	9½	...	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	69	...	3.3	6.4	7.8
216	145	Davis Service	202	...	7.9	5.3	15.3
115	85	EW Facts	100	...	...	5.7	7.4
57	8	Gardiner	14	...	1.3	12.4	4.3
49	21	Gardner (DC)	29	...	...	...	...
246	163	Hays	240	-1	4.6	2.6	23.6
251	167½	Hogg Robinsn	215	...	6.3	3.9	18.1
145½	43	Holmes Protectn	65	...	...	...	...
147	98	Hunch Whamp	142	-2	...	...	15.3
£108	6837½	ISS B Dkr	£108	+100	...	1.0	15.3
585	375	Inchcape	584	+9	12.5	2.9	24.8
763	561	Johnson Clean	763	...	25.7	4.5	15.9
18½	2½	Lep	10½	-1	...	...	...
244	168	Mile Gp	238	...	2.7	1.6	19.5
992	682	Manpower	904	...	...	...	...
44	32½	Michael Page	43	+½	1.8	5.6	12.0
250	88	Pennan	250	...	...	1.1	63.3
9½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	114	-2	19.5	22.8	2.4
453	355	RCO	422	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	REA	118	...	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	67	+1	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	143	...	...	4.2	14.4
13	4	Rentaminster	4 #	...	...	...	...
227	134	Rentokil	222	-3	1.6	1.0	32.6
242	180	Rolfe & Nolan	242	+1	6.2	3.4	16.2
376	234	Salvesen (C)	376	+3	7.0	2.5	20.8
43	25	Scott Pickford	31	+2	...	3.4	8.5
206	98	Securiguard	203	...	9.4	6.4	-
12	1	Select Appt	5	...	...	...	...
768	556	Serco Gp	760	...	11.9	2.1	24.4
283	132	Sherwd Cmpt	255	...	...	3.1	6.9
157	82½	Sketchley	122	-1	3.0	3.3	14.8
360	270	Warner Howrd	345	+4	5.9	2.3	19.5
81	41½	Welpac	45	...	0.6	1.8	...
20½	7½	Wills Gp	20½	...	0.1	0.7	26.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	162	Allied Colloids	236	-5	3.9	2.2	18.7
699	413	Amersham	683	-8	12.5	2.4	25.3
31½	5½	Anglo Utd	5½	...	0.8	...	...
9025	7362½	BASF DM	9000	...	...	8.2	...
260	201	BTP	248	...	8.8	4.8	18.1
£113½	9050	Bayer DM50	£112½	-100	...	4.7	...
248	126	Blagden	146	...	9.5	8.7	10.5
158	115	Brent Chems	149	-1	7.3	6.6	20.4
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	525	...	...	...	...
95	13	Cairil Gp	25	+1½	2.5	13.8	6.3
179	112	Canning (W)	140	+2	7.2	6.9	11.2
616	371	Courtaulds	566	-2	13.0	3.1	15.4
247	142	Croda	244	+1	7.5	4.1	18.5
211	152	Ellis & Everard	189 †	-2	7.0	5.0	17.2
16½	7	Euro Colour	16	...	0.6	5.4	...
135	43	Brode	134	-1	3.5	3.6	-
280	171	Halstead (J)	280	...	...	2.9	15.0
227	158	Hickson	214	+3	7.8	4.9	13.6
£107½	7537½	Hoechst	£106½	+175	...	6.9	...
1410	975	ICI	1150	+4	55.0	6.4	27.7
660	434	Laporte	654	+2	18.9	3.9	17.6
328	138	Leigh	208	-1	7.8	5.0	17.0
250	11	MTM	13½	...	1.8	...	2.7
1562½	1100	Norsk Hydro	1550	-12½	...	2.1	...
400	360	Paterson Zoch	400	+5	11.4	3.8	17.3
395	355	-do- 'A'	371	...	11.4	4.1	16.0
301	231	Plysu	282	...	6.0	2.7	19.7
206	130	Porvair	206	...	...	2.1	21.4
12	4½	Sutcliffe Speak	11½	...	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	459	+2	16.0	4.6	18.6
430	270	Wlsmhbm R	420	...	16.3	5.1	18.9
397	253	Yorks Chem	396	+1	...	2.4	20.7
274	214	Yule Catto	274	+2	5.4	2.6	16.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	86	+14	...	4.5	4.8
109	23	Amber Day	43	-4	3.1	9.6	11.8
306	190	Argos Plc	282	-9	6.4	3.0	19.6
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	80	-2	0.1	0.2	...
305	180	Asprey	298	...	...	2.2	24.2
340	180	Austin Reed	198	...	6.0	...	57.6
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	150	...	5.7	5.1	14.3
144	74	Bentalls	108	...	3.8	4.8	60.9
250	86	Bersewara	250	+3	...	0.7	34.4
114	23	Blacks Leis	27	...	3.3	...	5.6
371	133	Body Shop	141	-4	1.6	1.5	16.3
13½	3	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	...	...
351	260	Brown (N)	351	+6	6.0	2.3	21.7
80½	29	Burton	34½	+2	...	3.6	...
330	126	Centros	138	...	...	2.6	18.3
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
131	58	Clinton Cards	105	...	3.7	4.8	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	224	-2	7.0	4.2	25.7
163	77	Colourvision	89 †	+1	...	...	15.0
397	300	Courts Furnish	397 †	+1	5.0	1.7	19.9
252	100	Crown Eye	130	-5	...	6.2	6.0
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	90	-3	...	...	15.9
55	27½	Dewhirst (IJ)	35	...	0.7	1.7	18.2
286	179	Dixons Grp	226	+3	6.0	3.5	26.6
495	355	Dunhill	376	-1	7.7	2.7	13.0
33	13	ERA Gp	21	...	...	...	9.7
780	480	Elys (Wimbldn)	480	...	16.0	4.4	10.7
97	36½	Essex Furn	94	...	...	3.9	18.8
258	199	Etam	213	...	6.6	4.1	19.0
519	340	Fine Art Dev	508	...	11.0	2.9	19.5
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	45	...	4.0	...	32.9
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
38	5	French Conn	37	...	...	...	...
75	22	Gabbicci	22	-7	...	12.1	4.4
69	39	Geni SR	48	+1	2.0	5.6	14.1
38	18	Goldsmiths Gp	38	...	1.8	...	...
2475	1800	GUS	2475	+2	40.0	2.2	19.6
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1528	-25	40.0	3.4	12.5
75	30	Hampden Grp	40	...	...	6.7	5.7
283	123	Hartstone	262	+6	4.8	2.5	16.0
25	16½	Helene Plc	23	...	2.0	11.7	10.0
40	18	Heritage	36	...	...	...	...
56	25	Honeysuckle	40	+3	...	3.3	6.7
168	130	Hse of Lerose	143	...	10.3	9.6	21.7
195	40	Jacques Vert	64 †	...	2.0	...	...
598	414	Kingfisher	559	+2	13.0	3.1	16.8
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	63	...	4.0	8.5	10.6
675	405	Liberty	675	...	7.2	1.4	46.0
373	162	Lloyds Chem	295	+11	5.5	2.5	11.6
152	90½	MFI	129 †	+2	...	3.9	17.2
348	268	Marks Spencer	325½	+7½	7.1	2.9	19.8
474	319	Menzies (John)	466	+3	10.0	2.9	16.5
140	110	Moss Bros	139	...	5.0	4.8	26.8
159½	57	Next	149½	-3	0.7	0.7	27.7
85	15	Oliver (G)	30	...	1.0	...	...
222	110	Oriflame Intl	215	...	...	5.6	14.0
143	49	Pentos	52	...	2.7	7.1	6.2
53½	3	Pepe Group	6	...	...	...	...
278	202	QS Hldgs	275	...	4.7	2.3	21.3
29	7	Ratners Group	16	...	2.4	20.0	...
32½	10	Rhino Grp	28½	...	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	160	-1	...	1.9	15.4
113	54	Sears	101	-2	...	4.6	27.7
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	413	-3	13.4	4.4	14.4
29	13	Specialeyes	13½	...	...	...	...
219	87	Storehouse	206	-2	5.0	3.2	...
256	153	T & S Stores	190	...	5.5	3.9	12.4
95	27	Tie Rack	93	-1	0.5	0.7	...
189	132	Time Products	189	+1	7.5	5.3	18.5
86	47	Usher (Frank)	80	...	...	8.3	7.8
38	23	Vivat	28	...	...	...	77.3
68	28	Wensum	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	93	+1	...	...	...
70	28	Wld of Leather	56	...	...	...	65.9
205	102½	Wyevale	162	+1	...	3.1	18.0
7	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	2.2

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elec	66	...	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	172	+3	4.5	3.5	16.9
231	105	Acal	225	+2	...	3.5	18.8
74	6	Acorn Compr	68	+8	...	...	0.5
415	209	Admiral	415	...	4.8	1.5	18.8
133	94	Alba	116	...	4.7	5.5	15.1
75	7	Alphameric	20½	...	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	24	-1	0.4	2.2	...
141	85	App Holo	128	+1	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	17	...	...	...	...
48	12	Astec	45½	...	...	...	...
292	218	Beales Hunter	269 †	...	9.2	4.6	14.2
20	1½	Bennett & Fountn	6	...	...	...	...
274	207	BICC	367	-1	19.2	7.0	21.4
545	314	Blick	545	+10	9.2	2.3	21.0
4575	1150	Borland	1450	...	...	...	...
290	208	Bowthorpe	280	+5	6.0	2.9	19.1
418½	305	BT	412½	-2½	14.4	4.7	15.0
315	212	BT New	307	-3	14.4	4.7	15.0
8½	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	+½	0.1	1.8	...
226	80	Burnfield	128	...	...	6.0	18.4
731	489	Cable Wireless	705	...	13.2	2.5	21.8
14½	4½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
305	206	CML Micro	346	+6	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comptr People	85	...	5.4	...	11.0
16	1	Cranbrook	1	-2	...	...	...
147	60½	Cray Elect	140	...	...	0.5	11.9
506	321	Delta	450	+5	14.0	4.1	17.8
287	148	Denmans El	287	...	...	2.8	-
353	375	Domino	552	...	7.2	1.8	-
66	43	Dowding Mills	58	+1	2.5	5.7	19.1
1015	790	Drucker	948	...	...	1.3	23.1
370	233	Electrocomputs	377	...	7.0	2.5	20.4
545	286	El Data Prc	470	...	5.1	1.5	-
70	28	Electron House	68	...	2.3	4.7	20.4
25½	7	Emess	15	...	1.0	...	...
521	297	Eurotherm	516 †	...	8.0	2.1	-
121	86	FKI	118	-1	2.3	2.6	22.8
367	227	Farnell Elect	343	-1	5.8	2.3	18.7
48	18	Feedback	35	...	...	...	...
13½	3½	Ferranti	12½	...	...	...	...
124	30	First Tech	117	-6	...	...	...
98	71	Forward Gp	88	...	...	3.8	10.6
28½	10	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
301	183	GEC	292	+2½	9.6	4.4	15.5
227	100	Graseby	170	+10	10.9	8.5	14.8
57	38	Hiscare	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
455	396	Hoskyns Gp	453 †	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	INSTEM	84	-1	...	6.7	5.3

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
342	190	Jones Stroud	341	...	8.0	3.2	14.7
21	8	Kembrey	8	...	0.3	6.3	3.1
319	47	Kewill Sys	73	-10	...	...	3.7
152	92	Kode	131	-1	...	4.1	17.3
23	8	Laser-Scan	21	+2	...	...	...
150	49½	LBMS	149	...	...	...	...
315	240	Lec Refrig	300	+4	14.5	6.4	22.9
178	125	Life Sciences	177	...	3.3	2.5	19.6
232	130	Logica	180	+3	3.6	2.6	27.1
55	45	LPA Inds	53 †	...	...	8.9	14.0
587	371	Macro 4	584	+3	...	2.9	21.8
613	305	Mervien-Sw	610	...	...	2.0	30.9
212	159	Microfilm Rep	205	-2	4.3	2.8	19.6
2943	1453	Micro Focus	2875	-23	...	...	32.0
222	130	Microgen	220	...	7.2	4.4	-
35	13	Microvitec	29	...	...	...	...
454	201	Misys	450 †	...	6.1	1.8	20.5
128	40	Mitel	127	-1	...	...	...
138	78	MMT Compn	128	+2	...	3.6	16.3
92	25	Molynx	25	...	4.0	21.3	2.4
373	202	MTL Instr	238	+1	...	1.9	14.8
162	82	Muirhead Elect	162	+1	3.0	2.5	19.9
145	71	Murray Enter	142	-1	1.8	1.8	-
5787½	3962½	NYNEX	5787½	+137½	...	...	...
188	115	Neotronics	185	...	2.6	1.9	-
65	32	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...	...
84	33	Norbain	84	+7	...	1.6	12.6
50	18	Northamber	25	+1	0.5	2.7	...
17½	9½	Oceonics	10	...	...	...	6.5
254	165	Oxford Inst	219	+5	4.3	2.6	14.7
127	46	P-E Internl	54	+5	0.2	...	...
68	16	P & P	42	-3	4.3	...	15.0
68	42	Peek	67	...	3.4	6.8	19.8
190	85	Pegasus	137	+2	...	6.8	-
9200	7000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1187½	625	-do- Lmp nv	887½	...	...	6.4	...
421	310	Pilco	421	...	7.7	2.5	36.0
396	280	-do- 'A' Voting	396	...	7.7	2.6	33.8
91	48	Plasmec	88	-2	...	3.8	11.3
104	63	Premac	100	-2	2.4	3.2	19.5
220	65	Psion	112	+5	...	2.0	...
11	2	Ptarmigan	10	...	...	...	...
182	129	Racal Elect	172	+2	1.5	1.2	20.4
46	26	Radamec	46	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
64	25	Radius	50	-5	...	6.1	43.9
118	62	Real Time	66	...	...	6.1	6.0
28	10	Riva	21	...	...	...	...
544	326	Sage Gp	539	-5	9.0	2.2	17.3
66	44	Scantronic	66	...	2.9	6.0	20.8
142	92	Scholes Grp	139	...	5.0	4.8	27.3
340	179	Sema Gp	280	...	2.6	1.2	24.1
45	21	Silverrnines	30	...	...	9.6	...
50	29	Soundtracks	41 †	...	...	7.2	-
1981½	1275	TDK	1937½	+12½	...	1.3	22.0
8	3	TDS Circuits	5½	...	...	...	...
127	30	Telemetrix	119	-1	0.6	0.7	41.5
888	633	THORN EMI	825	-9	30.1	4.9	21.3
110	88	Thorpe FW	103	...	2.5	3.2	10.6
88	33	Total Systems	88	+3	2.2	3.4	15.7
400	190	Tunstall	400	...	6.0	2.0	17.9
236	123	Unitech	189	...	5.8	4.2	32.7
24½	9	Verity	9½	...	...	...	...
27	13	Vistec	26½	...	...	1.5	22.6
434	285	Vodafone	390	-11	...	2.0	19.1
460	260	Volex	439	-1	...	5.4	21.5
17	15	Western Selectn	15	...	...	...	...
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	234	...	11.7	6.8	22.0

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	398	+1	17.1	5.7	7.7
439	266	Eastern Elect	413	+2	16.7	5.4	10.2
263	143	Hydro-Elect	238½	-3	10.1	4.4	10.8
465	288	London Elect	414	+1	16.8	5.4	8.0
513	324	Manweb	453	+2	18.2	5.2	6.8
463	287	Midlands Elec	437	-3	17.3	5.3	9.2
490	295	Northern Elec	456	+1	18.5	5.4	6.8
494	298	Norweb	463	+4	17.7	5.1	8.7
247	142	Scottish Power	218½	-1	10.1	4.7	10.7
475	297	Seeboard	452	+6	17.3	5.1	8.2
539	313	Sth Wales	491	+6	19.6	5.3	7.8
474	293	Sth Western	447	+4	17.4	5.2	8.0
457	270	Southern Elec	416	+2	16.6	5.3	8.2
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	469	...	17.7	5.0	8.7
310½	188	National Power	296	-2	9.1	4.1	9.8
312	196	PowerGen	300	-1	9.2	4.1	9.3

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	56	...	0.5	...	35.8
65	37½	BWD	62	...	...	6.5	8.7
124	23	Baltic Plc	50	+2	4.3	...	4.4
453	299	Caledonia	443	+3	14.4	4.3	17.0
1950	1050	Camellia	1200	...	27.0	3.0	10.1
280	203	Candover	255	...	9.5	5.0	21.1
91	48	Flextech	90	...	...	...	8.9
191	103	Gowett	185	+7	...	7.5	5.4
135	97	Ivory Sime	131	+1	...	6.4	13.9
6	3½	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
164	110	Lon Forfaiting	164	+1	...	6.2	14.2
84	14	Manakin	73	...	...	...	...
7	1½	Nat Home Loan	6½	+½	...	...	...
44	24	Newmarket	44	+1	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	253	...	...	2.6	17.9
19½	9½	Rutland Tst	18½	-½	0.8	5.8	10.5
330	120	S & U	304	-1	...	3.6	10.9
99	34	Singer & Fried	56½	...	2.5	5.9	12.4
938	575	Sothebys	938	...	...	4.1	...
93	73	SJP Capital	90	...	3.0	4.4	16.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1668½	1047½	Amer Express	1668½	+75	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	212	-1	6.7	4.2	28.9
918	555	Henderson Ad	918	+13	41.0	6.0	20.2
100	50	Invesco MIM	93	-½	...	4.3	13.6
223	121	Jardine Strat	179	-6	...	3.7	8.7
180	100½	MAI	180	+3	6.0	4.4	13.1
433	244	MAM	433	+2	11.5	3.5	17.3
705	440	M & G	705	+8	20.0	3.8	18.7
138	81	Smith New Crt	138	+3	4.5	4.3	5.5
98	57	Sterling Tst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
77	35	Trio Hldgs	76	+2	...	1.8	55.3

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	475	-1	14.0	3.9	10.9
65½	21½	ASDA Group	62½	-1	...	3.4	20.2
188	75	Adams & Harch	188	+2	6.5	4.7	10.6
83	31	Albert Fisher	67	-2	3.7	7.5	11.2
432	273	Argyll	398	-9	9.7	3.4	15.3
51	11	Ashley Group	34	...	0.7	4.2	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	142	...	7.0	6.6	26.2
190	143	Banks (S C)	185	...	8.2	6.0	9.1
344	200	Barr (AG)	343	...	6.5	2.5	-
117	74	Benson Crps	78	...	...	4.9	8.3
137½	50	Bettsford Intl	126	...	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	421	-2	21.7	6.9	12.8
44	28	Borthwick	35½	...	1.1	4.1	24.8
474	334	Brake Bros	441	...	8.7	1.7	18.4
51	31	Budgen	43	-1½	...	...	14.6
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	464	+2	12.5	3.6	17.1
107	64	Cans Milling	89	...	3.9	5.8	17.8
210	105	Clifford Rd 'A'	180	...	11.5	8.5	8.5
186	140	Cranswick	184	...	...	5.4	13.6
38	8	Cullens	17	...	0.5	3.9	9.1
435	275	Dalepak	305	...	8.0	2.6	13.7
491	352	Dalgety	488	-2	19.5	5.3	16.2
54	27	Daniels S	30	...	0.2	1.1	32.8
132½	92½	Everest	122	...	...	3.8	12.6
295	234	Farepak	280 †	...	...	2.3	20.6
16	3	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
90	53	Finlay (James)	90	...	4.1	6.1	16.9
95	68	Fyffes	65	...	...	1.8	-
440	249	Geest	419	...	7.9	2.5	15.9
12	5	Globale	7	-1	...	9.5	6.4
48	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	177	+2	6.1	4.6	10.7
200	68	Hilladown	148	+3	8.8	7.9	8.9
61	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
676	412	Iceland Frozen	675	+7	8.5	1.7	18.1
142	103	JLI Group	126	...	4.5	4.8	18.1
827	514	Kwik Save	798	-3	16.0	2.7	16.7
286½	169	Low (Wm)	261	...	8.4	4.3	12.6
74	29	Matthews (B)	55	...	4.5	...	11.6
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	-½	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83½	Morrison (W)	165	-1	...	0.5	25.8
515	318	Nichols (JN)	500	...	12.3	3.3	14.3
317½	215	Nthn Foods	272	-8	...	3.9	15.0
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fns	19	...	...	5.3	7.9
193	132	Nurdin Peack	179	...	5.5	4.1	12.1
226	78½	Park Foods	218 †	...	3.2	2.0	26.1
155	45	Perkins Food	83½	-3½	4.3	6.9	7.3
301	130	RHM	295	+10	...	6.2	15.1
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
584	337	Sainsbury J	582	+2	8.7	2.0	21.7
61	35	Senny Farms	35	...	...	3.8	8.2
340	175	Sims Food	217	...	11.2	6.9	11.7
443	285	Tate & Lyle	406	+6	12.0	3.9	14.9
296	194½	Tesco	261	-4	6.3	3.2	12.4
230	152	Thorntons	206	...	3.6	2.4	19.2
163	83	Treats	160	-3	...	3.0	18.0
368	192	Unigate	316	-4	15.3	6.5	11.3
440	222	Utd Biscuits	362	-3	15.3	5.6	12.6
25	12	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
357	205	Watson & Phil	333	-1	13.3	5.3	17.4

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk H	16	...	...	...	...
89	52	City Centre Rest	89	...	1.4	2.2	24.9
262	112	Forte	184	-3	9.9	7.2	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	159	...	5.5	4.6	12.8
12	5	Harmony Leis	8	...	...	0.5	...
267	126	Ladbroke	205	-4	11.1	7.3	16.9
70	37½	Mandarin Orntl	66	...	...	4.8	18.9
92	26	Queens Moat	55	-1	2.8	7.0	7.3
118	51½	-do- 7¾% cvpr	98	...	7.5	10.2	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels	2	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	51	+2	3.4	9.0	10.0
750	480	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
40	28	Simpsons Crn	36	...	...	...	...
46	23	Stakis	44 †	...	...	1.4	-

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	135	AAF Inds	188	+2	...	5.3	9.9
616	480	AAH	562	-1	16.3	3.9	17.8
203	122	AIM	155 †	+5	6.5	5.6	9.6
136	76	APV	126	+1	5.4	5.7	22.7
165	80	ASW	130	...	9.0	...	24.6
147	86	Adwest	147	...	7.0	6.3	20.9
33	5	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
468	253	Airsprung	467	...	7.5	2.1	13.0
115	38	Alendra W	114	...	3.6	4.2	61.6
22	11½	Allied Radio	11½	...	...	...	...
458	358	Alumasc	455	...	11.0	3.2	13.9
62	9	Alvis	29	-3	1.0	4.6	-
400	308	Amber Ind	395	...	17.0	5.7	10.6
33	13	Amberley Gp	20	...	0.7	...	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	143	...	4.4	4.1	...
723	503	Antofagasta	723	-13	...	2.6	17.7
41½	29½	Armour	40	+½	1.4	5.0	11.8
168	123	Ash & Lacy	161	...	6.4	5.3	13.3
3½	1½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
532	300	Avon Rubber	531	...	16.5	4.1	-
194	103	Assoc Nursg	194	+1	...	...	7.4
860	445	Atlas Equip	645	...	...	4.3	13.3
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	46	...	...	...	...
173	107	BBA	173	+3	7.5	5.8	22.3
53	24	BLP Group	28	...	...	...	...
417	49	BM Gp	56	-1	5.0	11.9	2.4
774	583	BOC	745	-1	23.2	4.2	16.3
75	51½	BSG	75	+½	3.2	5.7	20.3
422	296	BSS Group	405	...	...	5.7	16.2
561	381	BTR	553	-5	16.5	4.0	19.4
206	115	BWI	204	...	6.7	4.4	22.5
70	26½	Babcock	34½	-1	3.1	...	7.2
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
266	193	Baird (Wm)	255	...	8.9	4.7	16.4
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	675 †	-12½	...	5.6	3.4
45	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	55	...	1.3	3.3	17.6
35	10	Beauford	11	-1	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	8	Bedford (Wj)	20	...	...	...	...
25½	13	Benson Group	23½	+1	0.1	0.6	22.0
660	444	Bespak	650	...	9.0	1.8	20.3
181	109	Bibby (J)	127½	+½	9.7	10.8	7.1
181	84	Billam (J)	181	+7	4.2	3.2	8.3
55	28	Bilston Batrsn	31	...	...	...	18.4
77½	7½	Bimec Ind	9	...	0.0	...	...
39	20	Black Arrow	39	...	2.1	7.2	9.3
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn	1	+½	...	...	0.1
165	103	Black (Peter)	165	...	2.9	2.4	20.1
140	32	Bluebird Toys	129	...	...	...	...
520	361	Bodycote	526	...	9.2	2.3	18.8
571	398	Boots	491	-8	12.4	3.4	18.4
84	40	Booth Inds	57	...	3.2	7.5	5.9
408	312½	Bowater	400	+3	...	3.0	22.4
1637	905	Bowater Inc	1533 †	+100	...	...	...
219	126	Braisore Intle	217	+1	...	2.1	20.9
30	13	Bravway	14½	...	0.5	5.3	18.7
274	186	Brammer	247	+3	13.0	7.0	17.0
33	11	Bridgend Gp	15	...	1.2	...	6.8
103	34	Bridon	88	...	4.0	...	...
82	39	Bridport-Gndry	54	...	4.1	10.1	10.1
39½	23	Brierley Inv	39	+2	...	7.6	10.2
543	298	Br Bldg & Eng	298	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Bloodstock	42	...	...	...	...
475	349	Br Polythene	460	...	9.0	2.6	14.0
86	43½	Br Steel	76½	-½	...	1.7	72.9
120	88	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	13.6
14½	9	Br Thornton	14	...	...	2.4	...
294	212	Br Vita	263	...	...	3.6	17.3
12½	9½	Britton Grp	11½	...	...	...	...
623	429	Broken Hill	621	+3½	...	2.6	20.5
128½	67	Bromsgrove Ind	95	+1	4.0	5.6	13.1
15	3	Brooke Tool	7½	...	0.2	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	53	...	4.7	...	...
174	63	Bullough	115	+5	6.0	7.3	-
37	13	Business Techs	25	...	...	...	30.1
35	12	CI Group	19	...	2.0	14.4	7.8
66	14	Campbell & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	14½	+½	3.3	...	...
238	161	Cape	230	...	10.5	6.1	14.7
200	130	Carclo Eng	200	+4	7.8	5.2	16.8
2400	1675	Carnaud Mtl	2125	...	...	3.9	7.2
80	55	Cassidy Bros	72	...	...	4.4	8.1
195	118	Castings	161	...	4.0	3.4	11.5
140	90	Chamberlin Hill	115	-6	6.0	7.0	6.9
707	467	Charter Cons	681	+6	21.5	4.2	16.3
288	176	Chemring	268 ‡	...	...	4.1	16.1
120	90	Chieftain Gp	90	...	...	7.3	10.0
39	18	Chillington	30	...	0.5	2.2	...
170	90	Christies Int	154	-1	3.3	...	...
53	33	Clayhithe	45 †	...	2.5	7.4	...
140	80	Clayton Son	85	...	3.0	4.7	...
2	¼	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	213	...	6.5	4.1	13.2
233	126	Concentric	230	-3	...	3.2	18.4
335	86	Cook (Wm)	162	+9	10.0	...	10.8
307	100	Cookson	306	+2	6.0	3.9	28.7
60	35	Copymore	43	...	...	8.4	8.4
240	176	Crowd Pkr 'A'	220	...	5.7	3.5	16.6
178	118	Crosair	180	...	10.7	9.0	24.4
250	180	Creighton Nt	195	...	...	4.8	14.1
30	20	CrestaCare	27	...	0.7	3.5	17.4
3243½	1456½	Dana	3243½	+18½	...	...	...
560	168	Danka Bs Sys	544	+6	3.7	0.9	16.7
11	5	Davies (DY)	7	...	...	...	...
689	474	De La Rue	683	-2	15.0	2.9	20.9
23	10	Dinkie Heel	20	...	0.9	6.3	9.5
412	263	Diploma	408	+2	9.2	3.2	21.2
88	43	Dobson Park	65	...	5.7	11.8	11.7
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	93 †	...	5.0	7.2	13.4
66	54	-do- 'A'	62 †	...	5.0	10.8	8.9
18	8	EFG	18	...	...	...	...
430	355	EIS	410	...	11.7	3.8	15.3
29	10	EIT Gp	10	...	...	...	...
26	16	Elbief	26	...	...	...	...
57	28	Eleco	35	-3	3.3	...	20.6
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2087½	-9½	...	5.5	27.9
480	45	Elliott (B)	54	-1	...	...	...
603	330	Eng China Cl	479	...	20.0	5.6	16.5
1825	800	Ericsson 'B'	1637½	+25	...	1.9	53.8
91	56	Erskine Hse	68	...	6.6	13.0	7.1
101	29	Eurocopy	40	...	1.6	5.4	-
158	29	Expamet	63	+1	10.3	...	7.5
550	302	Fairey Group	550	...	9.0	2.2	18.3
108	61	Fenner	82	+1	4.2	6.8	15.5
49	18	Ferraris Group	40	...	...	3.3	9.1
1½	¼	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	27	...	2.5	12.3	7.3
81	33	Fife Indmar	33	...	4.9	...	4.4
403	143	Fisons	224	+5	8.7	5.2	16.3
61	28	Fitzwilton	33	...	...	15.3	...
255	200	Flogas	255	...	...	4.1	9.9
56	39	Folkes Group nv	42	...	2.3	7.5	8.5
73	42	French (Thomas)	58 †	...	3.6	8.3	-
595	288	Frost Group	573	-20	2.0	0.5	36.9
115	63	GEI Int	79	+2	7.3	12.4	16.3
475	281	GKN	472	+4	20.5	5.8	30.2
93	40	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	5.4	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	...	...	...
162	93	Gestetner	154	-2	8.2	7.4	6.4
58	21	Gieves	32	+1	...	...	21.2
943	632	Glaxo	655	-23	17.0	3.5	19.8
28	14	Glenchewton	22	+1	...	...	...
282	183	Glynwed	262	+2	11.6	5.9	25.8
97	63	Goode Durrant	89	...	5.4	8.1	18.8
199	79	Grampian Hd	108	-8	5.5	6.8	14.0
379	192	Granada	339	+11	7.7	2.9	19.1
308	245	Great Sthrn	305	...	...	4.4	13.1
125	75	Green (Ernst)	82	+1	...	11.4	11.3
11	6	Greenacre	9½	...	...	3.4	10.4
20	6	Guardian Grp	8	...	...	...	...
125½	23	Haden MacLn	39	...	8.0	...	6.2
80	43	Hadleigh Inds	52	+1	...	...	...
169	97	Hall Eng	136	-1	8.6	8.5	12.2
12	3	Halls Homes	3 #	...	...	...	...
235	148	Halma	232	+1	2.2	1.3	28.7
55	29	Hampson Ind	39	...	2.3	...	10.6
258	184½	Hanson	257	-½	11.0	5.7	13.1
227	138	Harris (Philip)	223	+7	6.2	3.7	15.8
169	104	Hardon Crafts	166	+1	9.0	7.2	28.6
99	32	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Less	4	...	...	...	...
41	17	Hay (Norman)	26	...	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	21	+½	0.7	4.4	11.1
437	211	Hepworth	332	-4	14.8	6.0	13.2
165	116	Hewitt (J)	165	...	2.5	2.0	12.7
283	29	High-Point	30	...	1.3	5.8	...
147	80	Hill & Smith	126	...	6.0	6.6	-
10	3	Hobson	10	...	...	...	...
100	69	Holders Tech	94	-1	...	8.7	12.6
80	24	Hopkinsons	33	...	3.7	...	9.6
232	149	Hornby	149	...	...	8.1	11.7
33	6½	Hospital Crp	11	+½	...	9.7	3.0
72½	32	Howden	62	...	2.0	4.4	9.1
211	149	Hunting	211	+6	10.0	6.3	16.4
918	285	Huntigh Tec	850	+15	...	0.2	31.4
306	210	IMI	264	+2	10.0	5.1	18.2
94	49	ISA Intl	92	...	1.3	2.0	17.8
205	127	Intercare Gp	188	+1	...	1.8	-
266	175	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.1	17.0
498	259	Jardine Math	371	-4	...	2.8	11.7
537	317	Johnson Matth	511	+2	9.6	2.5	21.2
73	44½	Johnson & FB	60½	-2½	3.0	6.6	18.7
207	117	Johnston	129	...	9.0	...	60.8
62	14	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
35	20½	Jourdan (T)	20½	...	1.5	9.8	...
49	26	Kalamazoo	30	...	...	...	24.7
124½	73	Kalon	122	-2	3.2	3.5	19.7
458	253	Kelsey Ind	280	...	13.0	6.0	-
550	430	Kershaw (A)	535	...	27.0	7.0	26.8
108	44	Klein-Bze	100	...	...	...	...
70	30	LGW	70	...	...	2.1	24.3
343	229	Laird	286	...	...	4.8	13.9
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	124 †	-1	5.9	6.3	-
118½	86	Lilleshall	116	+1	4.0	4.6	12.4
110	71	Lincat	110	+1	...	6.2	15.6
9½	3	Lincoln Hse	8	...	...	...	...
103	61	Linread	103	+1	3.5	...	14.5
198	120	Linton Park	182	...	13.0	9.5	31.0
36	10½	Lionheart	13	...	0.3	3.1	13.4
19	10	Locker (T) A	19	...	1.0	7.0	59.8
316	157½	Lon Intl	238	-11	9.4	5.3	16.2
180	57	Lonrho	76	+½	...	7.0	...
314	218	Low & Bonar	292	-2	9.1	4.2	16.1
323	200	MB-Caradon	303	-6	8.5	3.7	23.8
159	108½	-do- pf	150½	-2½	7.2	6.4	...
54	13	ML Hldgs	19	...	...	...	14.9
39	19	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
48	31	MY Holdings	48	...	...	2.8	14.6
261	171	Macfarlane	255	...	4.2	2.2	24.1
399	270	McKechnie	397	+3	14.7	5.0	20.7
119	72	McLeod Russel	101	...	6.0	7.9	12.3
12½	6½	Maddox	10½	...	...	...	...
93	55	Magnolia	68	...	5.4	...	47.6
98	66	Mang Bronze	76	...	1.0	1.8	...
74½	15	Marling	27	...	0.3	...	...
135	87	Mayborn	135	...	...	4.1	11.5
41½	29	Mayflower	41½	...	...	1.3	20.5
301	150	Medeva	219	-2	1.5	0.9	21.7
108	66	Meggitt	99	-2	3.6	4.8	14.8
114	90	Metalrax	114	+1	...	4.1	15.0
137	60	Metsec	76	...	...	6.7	...
51	27	Midsummer	49	+2	...	8.2	8.0
22½	14	Mining & Ald	16	...	0.5	4.2	...
382	295	Molins	375	+1	12.7	4.5	10.0
345	229	Morgan Cble	331½	...	12.6	5.1	16.2
145	79	Morris Ashby	141	...	...	4.5	12.1
31	14	Neepsend	26	+1	1.5	...	...
75	34	Nestor-BNA	47	...	3.1	8.9	7.7
131	68	Nobo Gp	129	...	3.5	3.6	15.8
164	82	Norcros	145	-1	7.0	6.4	24.8
81	26	Novo Group	38	...	...	1.1	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	325	...	...	8.2	9.0
53	31	Office Elec Mac	49	...	0.1	0.3	...
49	10	OMI Intl	29 #	...	1.7	7.9	...
155	135	PCT	137	...	...	6.8	12.4
51	47	Pacer Systems	47	...	...	7.8	...
147	94	Pentland	133	...	2.2	2.3	19.1
380	260	Photo-Me	380 †	+2	4.4	1.5	19.4
169	87	Pilkington	100	-4	6.0	8.0	36.4
34	19	Pifton	20	...	...	...	...
79	39	Plantbrook	73	...	...	5.5	10.7
147	83	Polypipe	136	...	1.9	1.9	20.3
504	335	Portals	504	...	13.8	3.7	16.4
65	18	Porter Chadbrn	28	...	2.5	12.3	6.7
14	1½	Porth Gp	7	...	...	...	...
352	204	Powerscreen	352	-4	6.0	2.3	19.9
21	14½	Prospect Inds	18½	-½	0.7	5.5	9.1
49	16½	RPS Group	37	+1	...	...	12.3
100	70	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
92	31	Ramco Oil	77	...	...	3.5	54.9
772	444	Rank Org	708	-2	31.0	6.0	18.8
39	6	Ransomes	32	...	...	...	...
709	523	Reckitt Colm	622	...	15.1	3.3	14.7
100	40	Record	58	...	3.6	8.3	11.2
9½	2½	Reece	2½	...	...	...	8.2
109	105	Relyon	135	...	4.9	4.8	17.5
313	248	Renishaw	283	-4	8.5	3.1	21.7
68	44	Renold	58	...	1.0	2.3	...
1438	982	Reuters	1464	-19	17.0	1.6	25.2
37	22½	Rexmore	29½	...	2.2	7.9	7.2
101	58	Ricardo Intl	93	...	5.7	8.2	23.9
81	50	Richard (Leics)	56	...	4.4	10.1	5.8
69	47	Richardson West	64	-1	2.9	6.0	15.3
130	97	Ropner	128	...	8.2	8.6	9.2
122	95	-do- 'A'	122	...	8.2	9.0	8.7
47	22	Rost Gp	37	...	0.4	1.6	23.3
425	258	Rotork	425	...	10.0	3.1	35.6
135	85	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.6	...
100	57	Russell (A)	61	...	2.1	4.7	32.2
20	14	SEP Indl	19½	+½	0.6	4.5	-
1200	612½	SKF 'B'	650	...	...	5.2	...
272	109	Sanderson Elec	254	...	9.0	4.2	12.8
56	32	Savage	44	-1	...	0.8	58.0
41	29	Santle Gmb (J)	40	...	2.2	7.4	15.6
236	158	Scapa	225	-1	5.3	3.1	18.6
248	188	Scholl	237	+1	6.0	3.4	17.0
17	2½	Scott Heritable	4	...	...	...	...
990	648	Securicor	975	-5	2.6	0.4	-
669	469	-do- 'A'	690	-2	2.6	0.5	-
565	367	Security Serv	549	-2	5.0	1.2	-
91	58½	Seltar Eng	90	...	3.1	4.7	14.9
36½	253½	Seton Health	360	...	...	1.9	23.1
73	45	Shieldon Jones	48	...	...	...	...
140	83	Siebe	96	...	2.7	3.4	26.0
361	223	Sidlaw	352	...	10.9	3.8	16.4
405	255½	Siebe	465	+5	...	2.6	19.6
253	188	Silentnight	253	+5	8.0	4.2	14.5
122	68	Sime Darby	119	+1	...	3.7	14.6
304	69	Simon Eng	175	+4	15.7	15.5	17.8
290	196	Sinclair (Wm)	251	+1	7.0	3.7	15.2
53	27	Sis Homcred	45	...	2.8	7.4	...
171	127	Smith & Neph	156	-2	4.4	3.8	17.3
566	390	Smithkline	482	-15	7.7	2.1	19.5
903	353	Smithkline Un	430	-18	...	2.4	17.0
394	255	Smiths Ind	375	...	11.2	4.0	15.3
140	76	Sohn Bus	135	-1	3.3	3.3	8.2
350	265	Spandex	201	...	...	2.7	14.9
370	230	Spear (JW)	310	...	10.0	4.3	9.6
343	231	Spirax-Sarco	343	+13	9.0	3.5	20.5
181	83	Spring Ram	136	+5	0.2	0.3	17.9
48	21	Sta Comp	47 #	...	0.5	1.6	23.0
270	158	Staveley	242	-2	8.2	4.5	13.8
140	102	Sterling Ind	140	+8	5.6	5.3	17.5
14½	9	Stonehill	11 #	...	...	...	...
145	73	Suter	124	-1	9.8	9.5	11.0
319	160	Swire Pacific 'A'	264	+1	...	2.9	19.3
19	5	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
300	232	Sytrone	255	...	9.4	4.9	11.7
190	98	T & N	189	+1	10.5	7.7	35.7
372	251	TI	297	-6	10.2	4.6	16.0
23	10	TLS Range	17	...	...	3.9	...
263	167	TT Group	252	+1	...	3.2	16.3
247	120	Talaare	246	-1	1.5	0.8	24.4
719	405	Takeda Chem	719	+9	...	0.6	19.1
44½	19	Tex Hldgs	28	...	...	...	...
79	53	Tinsley (E)	78	...	...	8.9	9.1
170	85	Thone	164	...	...	3.0	-
271	195	Tomkins	257	-2	...	3.3	18.1
165	39	Trafalgar H	94	-1	6.0	8.5	6.3
161	36	-do- 'A'	92	...	...	...	...
514½	266½	Transfer Tech	460	...	...	3.8	12.7
175	133	Triplex Lloyd	173	+4	7.0	5.4	15.2
253	165	UniChem	243	...	5.0	2.7	18.0
330	250	Unidare	290	...	...	7.5	10.2
24	8½	Unigroup	13½	...	...	...	...
1134	866	Unilever	1131	+5	18.9	2.2	17.4
7225	5375	Unilever (NV)	7225	+21½	...	2.7	12.4
565	265	VSEL	558	-3	25.0	6.0	6.4
15	2½	Verson	6½	...	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	119	-1	6.0	...	25.9
409	260	Victaulic	345	...	...	2.8	16.4
324	231	Vinten	323	...	8.6	2.7	17.4
495	240	Vosper Thorny	495	+6	13.1	3.5	12.0
46	36½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	453	...	...	5.0	17.5
78	45	Walker Greenbk	75	...	3.1	5.5	17.0
224	110	Wassall	224	+1	...	1.5	42.9
34	15	Watford Wdgwd	29	-1	...	...	...
668	435	Weir	668	+10	10.5	2.1	19.4
1174	777	Wellcome	853	-23	13.0	2.0	23.6
39	23½	Wellman	27½	...	2.2	...	8.8
480	390	Whatman	478	...	8.2	2.4	17.2
339	207	Whessoe	318	-4	8.0	3.4	12.0
34	4	Whewey	7	-½	1.0	19.0	...
143	15	Whitecroft	35	+1	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	7	...	...	...	...
197	44	Wilkes (James)	44	...	10.0	...	2.4
370	222	Williams Hldg	345	-4	12.3	4.8	17.5
29	8½	Wishaw	22½	-1	0.4	2.4	18.6
574	287	Wolseley	573	+12	12.5	2.9	21.9
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
80	37	Wyko	37 †	...	2.8	...	21.2
70	38	Young (H)	47	...	3.0	8.5	17.2

INSURANCE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1850	1025	Alex & Alex	1831½	-18½	...	3.4	...
4062½	2250	Am Gen	4062½	+168½	...	3.2	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	30	...	4.4	19.6	14.6
168	83	Bradstock	146	-1	5.1	4.8	-
1160	763	Britannic	1143	-10	29.5	3.4	...
641	402	Com Union	607	-2	23.6	5.2	...
1335	900	Dom & Gen	1335	...	...	1.8	22.1
31	18	FAI	21	...	...	...	...
605	356	Gen Accident	588	-4	26.7	6.1	...
188	108	GRE	174	+1	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	342	...	16.0	6.2	20.1
188	104	Hogg Gp	176	-1	8.1	6.2	10.7
208	102	JIB Group	185	...	...	5.4	13.6
470	287	Legal & Gen	464	-5	18.8	5.4	...
997	557	Liberty Life	997	+34	...	4.4	24.3
465	295	Lloyds Abbey	448	-16	17.3	5.1	15.0
262	160	Lloyd Thomp	255	...	5.6	2.9	18.8
315	203	Londn & Man	315	+1	13.5	5.7	24.2
362	224	Lowndes Lmb	358	-3	12.6	4.7	14.2
6250	3931½	Marsh McLn	6193½	-56½	...	2.7	...
154	93	Oriel	93	-1	...	7.2	6.8
81	30	PWS	63	...	4.0	8.8	-
318	199	Prudential	314	-2	11.0	4.7	27.2
895	564	Refuge	889	...	29.0	4.3	39.8
294	118	Royal	268	-2	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	180	+2	6.0	4.4	19.3
321	162	Steel Burrill	251	-6½	13.2	7.0	15.9
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	60 †	...	8.2	18.3	6.1
358	214	Sun Alliance	330	...	14.2	5.8	...
60	20	Trade Indemnty	59	...	...	...	...
275	165	Transatlantic	273	...	...	5.9	19.1
560	305	Utd Friendly	559	-1	12.3	2.9	28.4
224	144	Willis Corroon	203	-2	13.2	8.7	22.8
21	14	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1616	1218	Alliance	1616	+4	43.0	3.5	37.3
242	152	Amer Trust	242	+2	4.8	2.6	51.3
323	229	Ang & O'seas	321	+1	6.4	2.7	48.1
136½	98½	B2W Conv	136	-½	7.8	7.6	15.9
146½	104	Bankers	146½	+½	3.4	3.1	40.3
276	230	Baring Trbne	276	+5	6.2	3.0	44.4
172	116	Berry Starq	145	+2	2.0	1.8	49.0
104	71½	Br Assets	102½	-1	4.1	5.5	25.1
59½	46½	Br Empire Sec	59½	...	0.8	2.0	60.4
17	8½	-do- Wnts	14½	+½	...	...	...
163	123	Br Inv	163	...	4.5	3.7	40.9
1540	1200	City & Comm	1538 #	...	...	...	...
166	125	Contl Asset	144	+1	1.2	1.2	73.0
230	185	Derby Inc	168 †	...	16.6	13.2	-
220	140	-do- Cap	220	...	...	...	...
103	65	Drayton Asia	103	+2	0.7	0.9	...
96	59	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	17.2	7.3
53	26	-do- Eng Intl	47	+1	1.2	3.4	68.9
93	61	-do- Far East	93	+2	0.6	0.9	...
100	56	-do- Korea	99	...	...	...	...
605	473	Dunedin Inc G	602	-2	25.4	5.6	24.4
540	407	-do- Wwde	540	+3	9.5	2.3	55.6
278	200	Dundee & Lon	237	+2	12.0	6.8	21.9
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	48	...	4.8	13.5	8.6
54	40½	-do- Dw Pf	53½	...	...	...	...
284	199	Edinburgh	284	...	8.0	4.1	32.2
149	107	Electric Gen	147	...	3.1	2.8	48.8
85	65	English Scot	85	...	...	...	...
224	186	European Asset	219	-2	...	3.3	-
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	88	...	3.0	4.5	28.3
278	162	Fleming Amer	278	+2	0.7	0.3	-
400	302	-do- Claver	400	+4	10.7	3.6	-
232	173	Do Contl	232	+1	2.8	1.6	...
162	119	-do- Entp	157	+1	4.5	3.8	35.2
223	157	-do- F East	223	...	1.5	0.9	...
271	198	-do- Fledg	269	+1	3.0	1.5	...
113	81	-do- Hi Inc	113	+2	5.8	6.8	19.2
164	100	-do- Japan	151	+1	0.3	0.3	...
265	193½	-do- Merc	258½	+½	6.7	3.5	37.0
228	165½	-do- O'seas	228	+3	4.0	2.3	54.4
215	150	Foreign & Col	215	+1	...	2.1	63.5
181	144	-do- Eurotst	180	...	1.2	0.9	...
100	71	-do- German	95	+1	0.4	0.6	...
198	134	-do- Pacific	197	-1	1.7	1.2	...
130	79	-do- Smaller	130	+4	...	1.9	66.0
205	121	GT Japan	157 †	+1	...	1.0	...
109	49	Genl Cons Cap	88	...	...	...	...
123	96	-do- Inc	118	...	...	10.6	11.0
135	63	Govett Am Smlr	135	+1	...	...	...
199	128	-do- Oriental	199	+2	0.9	0.6	...
228	150	-do- Strategy	228	+2	6.7	3.9	31.5
358	265	Greenfriar	358	+5	6.3	2.4	-
28	8	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
52	31	Independent Inv	51½	...	0.5	1.3	...
130	95	Inv Cap	130 †	+1	5.1	5.2	26.1
95	67	IBS UK Smlr	84	...	2.0	3.2	30.8
169	128	Kleinwort Chrt	169	...	5.0	4.0	-
191	134½	-do- O'seas	190	+1	3.2	2.2	57.2
121	85	-do- Smlr	117	+3	...	4.6	23.1
561	433	Law Debenture	561	+1	...	4.2	29.5
169	133½	Majedie	168	...	...	3.8	32.5
240	176	Merchants	239	+1	...	5.9	22.0
4662½	2437½	Merrill Lynch	4662½	+175	...	...	...
405	296	Monks Inv Tst	405	+4	6.7	2.2	54.5
111	81	Morg Gren Inc	111	+1	3.4	4.1	30.3
27	13	Do Warrants	27	...	...	...	...
46	31	Murray Euro	42	-1	0.4	1.5	...
10	4½	-Do Wts	7½	...	...	...	...
316	231	Murray Income	309½	-½	...	4.7	39.2
238	216	-do- Intl	237	...	...	5.3	35.4
230	213	-do- Small	230	...	4.0	1.9	60.3
109	89	-do- S/C Inc	102	+1	...	14.2	9.7
82	54	-do- S/C Cap	76	...	...	...	...
270	230	-do- S/C Uts	263	...	...	4.6	...
147½	113½	-do- S/C DP	146½	-½	...	...	...
254	189	-do- Vent	248	+1	10.3	5.5	19.6
61	44	New Frontier	61	+1	0.2	0.5	...
122	61	Nursing Inc	75	+1	6.7	12.0	10.5
264	187	O'seas Inv Tst	264	+4	2.8	1.4	75.3
312	175	Pacific Assets	312	+1	1.0	0.4	...
217	80	Do Warrants	213	+2	...	...	...
8550	5700	Personal Assets	7850	...	...	2.7	46.9
114	82	RIT Cap Ptnr	106	...	1.1	1.4	48.0
119	96	River & Merc	118	...	...	10.4	...
362	273	Robeco	362	...	...	3.4	...
357	258	Rolinco	357	...	...	2.1	...
238	194	St Andrew Inv	238	...	7.5	4.2	-
137	128	Scot American	137	+½	...	4.2	31.6
813	429	Scot Asian	785	+50	...	...	...
69	49	-do- Eastern	68	+½	1.4	2.7	48.8
196	147	Scottish	195	+½	4.6	3.2	-
191	125	-do- Mrgg	191	+1	3.9	2.7	45.0
74½	43	-do- Value	74½	+1	...	3.2	54.8
1433	1066	Second Alliance	1425	+4	36.5	3.4	39.3
79	61	Secs Tst of Scot	79	...	3.3	5.5	26.4
117	78	Selective Asset	117	...	1.3	1.4	-
21	9½	Sphere Inv	16½	...	...	28.1	4.7
127	76	TR Far East	127	+1	4.5	4.8	27.6
133	97	TR City Of Lon	133	+½	4.7	4.8	27.9
126	70	TR Pacific	126	...	...	0.3	...
21	14½	TR Property	21	...	1.4	...	61.7
57	38	TR Tech Inv	57	+2	1.7	4.1	28.3
160	96	TR Smlr Cos	159½	...	3.7	3.1	46.7
302	226	Temple Bar	302	+2	...	3.7	21.2
77	51	Thrgn Asian E	73	...	0.5	0.9	...
65	38	Throgmorton	64	...	2.3	4.8	24.9
390	258	Throg Dual Cp	388	...	...	...	...
191	137	USDC Invest	180	...	4.2	3.1	34.4
88	58½	Value Inc Tst	87	...	...	5.5	23.0
623	480	Whitbread Inv	574	+1	15.0	3.5	38.1
169	139	Witan	186 †	-1	5.6	4.0	-

LEISURE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66½	2	Airbreak Leis	3 #	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	299	-1	7.2	3.3	10.2
90	6	AAI Leis	58	...	4.7	10.9	12.7
243	145	Anglia TV	191	-1	...	5.3	18.0
337	135	Barr & W 'A'	332	...	...	...	...
1375	755	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	10.0	6.6	10.1
113	73	Border TV	96 †	...	20.0	2.3	18.8
16	4	Brent Walker	12	...	...	3.7	12.6
15	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
448	330	Campari	357	-1	...	5.3	7.5
236	136	Capital Radio	194	+1	5.2	3.6	22.6
9.8	468	Carlton Comm	784	+1	...	2.9	22.0
223	133	Castle Comms	172	...	...	6.6	19.4
1825	1050	Central TV	1623	-2	30.5	2.2	23.4
89	49	Chrysalis	76	-2	...	...	...
604	405	Compass Gp	594	-1	12.3	2.8	16.7
350	273	Eurocamp	336	...	9.7	3.9	-
1643	675	Euro Disney	805 †	-10	...	1.5	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	6½	...	...	...	12.7
56	11	Ex-Lands	30	...	...	...	...
10½	1	Expedier	1½	...	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	285	...	10.5	5.0	...
355	239	First Leisure	332	...	6.1	2.5	-
393	250	GWR Gp	385	+5	...	2.4	-
173	91	Grampian	164	+1	5.5	4.5	11.5
8	5	Greenwich Cable	6	...	...	...	...
92	15	HTV Group	26	-3	3.7	...	...
206	30	Hi-Tec Sports	75	...	5.5	...	4.7
15½	2½	Kunick	6½	+½	...	...	...
329	220	LWT Cp	320	...	5.9	2.5	15.6
377	260	Man Utd	371	...	18.0	6.5	12.8
125	44½	Owners Abrd	116	+1	3.5	4.1	-
40	19	The Pelican Gp	40	...	...	3.3	13.8
78	50	Prism Leisure	78 †	...	...	4.7	8.9
61	18	Quadrant Grp	19	...	4.0	...	2.9
319	254	Radio Clyde	318	+1	...	3.6	24.9
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	135	...	...	4.4	19.9
461	302½	Scot TV	461	+1	...	2.3	29.7
66	40	Southern Radio	59	...	0.7	1.8	24.6
191	125	Stanley Leisure	180	...	...	3.1	15.2
13	4	Sunleigh	5½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	140	...	3.5	3.3	15.1
53	27	TSW	29 #	...	22.7	3.7	...
38	3½	TVS	38	...	...	...	3.2
383	136	Tanjong	383	...	...	...	72.1
200	134	Thames TV	179	...	7.5	5.6	5.1
118	75	Tottenham Hot	88	...	...	...	4.3
75	38	Trans World	67	...	...	...	...
297	154	Ulster TV	297	+2	7.5	3.4	20.6
50	16	Wembley	19	+1	1.8	...	...
10½	4½	Whitegate	6	...	...	...	...
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	130 †	-1	12.0	12.3	-
136	80	Zetters Gp	103 †	-1	8.0	10.4	10.4

MINING

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	2325	+25	...	9.5	10.5
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1200	+25	...	8.5	5.1
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1475	...	...	5.2	9.2
13½	7½	Anglo Pac Res	12	...	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	48	+3	...	14.4	2.3
25	11	Bracken	23	+1	...	...	1.2
566	208	Buffels	285	+15	...	16.0	6.1
4½	1½	Bute	1½	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	583	-1	...	3.0	-
38	9	Cluff Res	15	...	1.0	8.9	22.4
1662½	581½	De Beers	1000	+3½	...	...	8.2
125	37½	Deelkraal	50	...	...	13.4	2.5
46	7	Doornfontein	10	+1	...	...	...
759	388	Driefontein	470	-10	...	7.9	7.8
375	120	Durban	155	...	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	63	...	...	18.3	1.8
154	82	E Dagga	69	...	...	...	5.1
168	54	E Rand Prop	103	...	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	160	+15	...	8.5	-
535	272	FS Cons	412	...	...	13.0	4.1
33	7	FS Dev	10	...	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	830	+5	...	5.4	11.7
5	4½	Geevor Tin	4½ #	...	...	...	...
222	121	Gencor	143	+1	...	6.8	11.1
42½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	41½	+1	...	3.3	10.2
21	2	Greenwich R 'A'	5½	...	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	61	+1	...	19.3	-
388	78	Harmony	155	+55	...	...	...
281½	87	Hartles	110	...	...	...	3.8
11	5	Inocoe	10	...	...	...	...
800	486	Impala Plat	507	...	...	7.6	10.2
2	¼	Kenmare Res	8	...	...	...	...
795	292	Kinross	400	+12	...	14.2	3.9
624	293	Kloof	417	-3	...	4.7	6.4
60	21½	Leslie	36	...	...	13.0	3.2
71	12	Loraine	16	...	...	...	...
128	90½	MIM	101½	...	...	2.3	46.4
935	559	Minorco	935	+10	...	3.7	12.0
111	66	Nth Brkn Hill	96	-1	...	5.2	...
1201	598	Orange Free	900	+10	...	15.6	7.1
688	489	RTZ	681	+1	19.5	3.8	20.6
1287½	375	Rand Mines	550 †	...	...	11.8	2.3
230	75	Rand Min Prp	95	...	...	19.6	4.1
334	136	Randfontein	190	+10	...	10.1	2.6
221	106	Renison	137	+2	...	3.3	13.3
1312½	812½	Rustnburg	950	+12½	...	5.4	13.2
410	183	St Helena	220	+20	...	9.9	-
1287½	475	Southvaal	637½	+12½	...	10.2	-
60	17½	Stilfontein	36	-5	...	21.2	-
183	43	Unisel	70	+5	...	4.8	6.2
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2375	+25	...	10.7	-
334	154	Welkom	228	...	...	16.0	6.3
99½	26	Western Areas	35	+5	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	825	-25	...	8.6	-
226	164	Wstrn Mining	191	-1	...	2.6	...
630	253	Winkels	378	...	...	3.0	2.8
70	16	Zambia Copper	68	...	...	...	...
45	18	Zandpan	18	...	...	...	5.0

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
123	56	Appleyard	99	+2	7.8	10.5	73.1
215	130	Blechley Mtr	215	...	8.2	7.3	12.1
145	115	Bostrom	132	...	6.0	6.1	35.9
379	100	Br Aerospace	274	...	25.0	...	5.9
378	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.7	43.7
139	95	Central Mtr	108	+3	...	5.1	-
48	15½	Cook (DC)	22	...	...	3.0	...
188	99	Cowie (T)	187	...	4.8	3.5	14.1
133	75	Dag Motors	93	...	5.7	8.2	11.0
128	85	Davnprt Vern	127	...	4.0	4.3	-
231	130	ERF	205	+10	4.0	...	...
273	165	FR Group	271	+3	6.6	3.3	13.0
3212½	1500	Ford Motor	3212½	+50	...	...	...
2600	1681½	General Mtr	2600	+12½	...	1.9	...
96	43	Henlys	90	...	3.0	4.4	...
760	465	Honda Motor	760	+16	...	0.7	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	80	...	4.5	7.5	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	113	+1	3.3	4.0	11.2
311	175	Lex Service	310	+10	10.0	4.3	...
128	74	Lookers	109	...	6.2	7.9	-
153	77	Lucas	149	...	7.0	6.3	...
258	169	Pendragon	240	...	6.0	3.3	21.4
175	103	Perry Gp	113	...	9.0	10.6	20.2
130	56	Quicks Group	130	...	3.0	3.1	24.0
176	89	Rolls-Royce	130	-3	7.2	7.4	24.6
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	138	...	4.0	3.9	21.1
145	93	Westland	140	...	4.2	4.0	12.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	73	Adscene	121	+1	4.0	4.5	12.7
390	315	Black (A&C)	330	...	13.0	5.3	19.7
578	398	Blenheim Gp	560	...	9.0	2.1	21.0
330	248	Bristol	291	+1	11.5	5.3	21.6
8000	5900	Daily Mail	7975	...	130	2.2	18.0
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7975	...	130	2.2	18.0
296	193	Dorling Kind	280	...	...	1.4	27.3
365	224½	EMAP	342	...	...	2.9	22.3
958	533	Euromoney Pb	958	+15	29.5	4.1	-
288	155	Haynes Pub	288	...	6.0	2.8	12.2
235	140	Headline	233	+1	10.0	1.7	25.9
183	105	Home Counts	125	...	8.2	8.8	23.6
6¼	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Data	6½	...	...	...	...
425	285	Independent	425	+5	...	4.8	14.4
470	289	Johnston Press	468	-2	5.5	1.6	22.1
253	186	Metal Bulletin	252	+1	7.4	3.9	20.4
135	49	Mirror Gp	116	...	...	...	11.0
1371	509½	News Corp	1352	+3	...	0.3	-
727	258	News Intl	727	+2	3.9	0.7	12.6
459½	297	Pearson	390	-14	...	4.2	17.4
590	340	Portsmth Sund	590	+15	8.6	1.9	15.2
670	447	Reed Int	666	-3	16.0	3.2	22.1
126	61	Southnews	117	+2	...	1.7	34.5
135	29	Sterling Pub	118	+2	...	2.8	38.7
360	274	Telegraph	360	+2	...	3.7	14.2
815	565	Thomson Corp	715	-20	25.2	4.7	12.1
347	222	Trinity Intl	334	+1	...	3.4	19.7
62	29	Unit Group	34	-3	...	...	...
537	323	Utd Nwspprs	523	+2	21.0	5.4	17.9

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Pet	13½	-½	...	...	13.8
19½	11½	Aran Energy	19	...	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl	41	...	...	...	...
53	27	Aus Oil & Gas	51	+2	...	...	...
290	30	Aviva Pet	48	+5½	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	13½	...	0.8	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	166	...	7.1	5.7	18.3
295	223	British Gas	284	-7½	...	6.3	13.1
304	182	Br Petroleum	257	+3	...	5.4	51.4
4½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
741	460	Burmah Castrl	703	+5	24.0	4.6	16.1
75	21	Cairn Energy	39	...	...	...	...
246	164	Calor Gp	239	...	12.0	6.7	15.7
10	6½	Caspen Oil	6½	...	...	...	...
80	20	Clyde Pet	45	-1	1.2	...	...
16½	10½	Edm Oil & Gas	10½	...	...	...	...
467	297	Enterprise	449	-3	15.7	4.7	32.0
103	25	Exp Co Louis	72	+2	...	...	...
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	21½	+1½	...	1.2	8.7
69	34	Goal Pet	60	-2	1.2	2.8	11.3
31	5	Gt Western Res	26	+1	...	...	...
146	77	Hardy O & G	130	-2	1.0	1.0	40.8
6½	1½	ICA Drilling	2½	...	...	...	...
26½	7½	Kelt Energy	22	...	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	163	-1	8.5	7.0	21.1
163	63	-do- Units	81	...	15.0	24.7	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res	19½	...	...	...	...
65	27	Monument	40	+½	...	...	41.7
18½	5	New London	8½	...	...	...	...
35½	17	Nth Sea Assets	24	...	0.7	4.2	6.3
37	25	Oil Search	30	+1	...	...	...
14	8	Petrol	13	+½	...	...	...
102	57	Pict Pet	101	+1	...	...	14.0
31	10	Premier	29½	+½	...	...	13.1
198	40	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
430	308	Ranger	318	...	...	1.5	...
5637½	4162½	Royal Dtch Fl	5600	...	...	5.2	16.2
4312½	3025	Schlumberger	4112½	-187½	...	1.8	...
59	41	Seafield	51	-1	...	...	...
574	435	Shell	569	-4	20.9	4.9	22.9
306	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	300	...	...	...	...
19	8½	Teredo	9	...	...	...	...
82	26	Triton Europe	39	+1	...	...	6.8
172	131	Woodside	154	+1	...	2.3	...

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
260	103	API	260	...	7.5	3.8	22.5
290	127½	Arjo Wiggins	174	+1	8.3	...	14.1
440	305	Abbott Mead	440	+1	8.4	2.5	22.1
3	¼	Aegis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
128	15	Aegis Gp	20	...	5.8	...	6.7
206	105	Aspen Comms	205	-7	...	2.2	26.1
13	7	BBB Designs	8½	...	...	...	...
319	180	Bemrose	319	+1	11.7	4.9	16.3
60	22	Birkdale	24	...	0.2	1.1	20.3
132	80	Bunzl	132	+1	4.0	4.0	30.8
267	147	CIA Gp	261	...	...	1.9	17.3
51	36	City of Lon	49	...	...	9.2	10.3
40	1½	Clarke Hooper	1½ #	...	...	...	...
206	135	Cropper (James)	174	...	10	2.3	19.6
41	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
60	30	Delyn Pckgng	56	...	1.4	3.5	11.1
149	78	Dolphin Pack	117	+3	4.5	5.1	15.6
74½	42	Dudley Jenkins	44	...	...	...	11.1
15	9½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.2
48	38	Fairway Groups	47	...	...	3.9	12.5
286	211	Ferguson Intl	274	...	12.5	6.1	15.8
86	25	Filofax	85	...	...	0.6	21.1
48	6	Finch	19	...	...	...	2.1
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	70	...	...	0.5	13.7
301	194	Gold Greenless	301	...	8.3	3.7	23.0
53	27	Goodhead	27	-1	0.5	2.5	...
160	32½	Hunterprint	60	...	...	...	...
198	123	Jarvis Porter	195	+2	4.4	3.0	21.3
50	13	Lopex	25	...	...	...	10.4
263	133	More O'Ferrall	229	-2	13.2	7.7	14.1
68	27	NMC Group	68	+6	1.2	...	13.4
86	54	Osborne & Little	69	...	4.3	8.4	8.4
169	132	Quarto	179	...	5.2	4.7	10.3
343	231	St Ives Gp	320	...	5.2	2.2	21.8
235	115	Saatchi	181	+5	...	...	...
754	381	Sappi	441	+5	...	8.5	5.3
14½	1½	Serif	12	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	28	+½	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	330 †	+1	9.5	3.8	16.6
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	276	-3	...	0.6	9.0
263	171	Sta-Plus	300	+2	7.1	4.9	14.5
19½	10½	Taylor Nelson	18½	...	...	1.1	38.9
65	37	VTR	42	...	...	10.8	12.0
115	31	WPP	66	+3	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	79	...	8.2	13.9	8.7
221	158	Waddington (J)	218	...	7.9	4.8	16.5
575	391	Watmough	575	...	12.5	2.4	25.0
4	¼	Waverley Cam	¼ #	...	...	...	...
6½	1½	Westporte	6	...	...	...	21.5
39	12	Whitney Mcke	16	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	60	+4	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaca Groupe	1½ #	...	...	...	...
86	28	Allied Lon	47	+1	3.5	10.0	40.6
70	55	Arcadian	59	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	64	...	2.0	4.2	22.8
141	64	Avonside	93	+3	...	5.3	7.5
2450	1887½	BCE	2425	+25	...	...	...
478	268	Bilton	429	+3	18.0	5.6	15.5
45	23	Bourne End	24	...	1.0	5.6	...
164	108	Bradford	163	-1	4.4	3.6	14.8
36	11	Bredero	19	-1	...	...	1.8
275	110	Br Land	211	+2	6.3	4.0	19.5
188	108	Brixton	173	+4	8.1	6.2	13.2
55	44	Burford	46	...	0.9	2.8	24.0
125	88	Cap & Regnl	120	+2	...	1.1	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	120 †	...	2.4	2.7	-
433	103	Chesterfield	222	-1	18.5	...	15.7
80	9	City Site Ests	21	...	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	12	...	...	...	...
880	785	Daejan	840 †	+7	25.0	4.0	13.1
4½	¼	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Twsn	72 †	-1	2.5	4.6	26.2
10	1	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
135	76	Dencora	78	...	5.5	9.4	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	308	+3	8.6	3.7	36.5
250	170	Estates Agency	187	...	3.0	2.1	17.1
98	6	Estates Gen	23	...	3.7	...	7.2
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	132	-2	4.1	4.2	12.7
31	11	Five Oaks	14½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Fletcher King	32	...	1.0	4.2	23.1
351	188	Frogmore	331	-12	15.0	6.0	17.3
125	51	Grainger	102 †	...	5.2	6.9	-
182	84	Gr Portland	143	...	10.0	9.3	14.2
114	6½	Greycoat	11½	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	107	+2	...	...	4.7	18.0
46	19	Hambro Cntyw	42	+1	0.0	0.2	...
588	180	Hammerson	283	-9	10.0	4.6	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	274	-9	10.0	4.9	13.1
150	69	Helical Bar	138	...	4.0	3.9	...
30	20	Hemingway	22	...	...	...	...
175	87	Herring Baker	87	-1	7.0	10.7	...
225	135	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.5	...
490	343	Land Sec	481	-5	21.7	6.0	14.6
83	62	Lon Merch Sec	83	+3	3.8	6.1	13.2
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	2½	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	366	+1	20.0	7.3	15.3
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	90	...	6.7	...	14.8
20	3½	Markheath	3½	...	0.5	...	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	18½	...	1.0	7.2	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	805	...	18.0	3.0	8.2
9	2½	Mowat	2 #	...	...	...	...
137	101	Muckiow (A&J)	125	+2	5.9	6.3	16.3
53	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.8
117	31	Olive Hldgs	31	-2	9.0	...	4.7
30	3½	Ossory Est	8½	...	0.1	2.4	2.4
103	8	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.8
111	54	Prop Security	109	+2	3.7	4.9	20.2
122½	14½	Property Trust	33	+1	...	...	...
4½	¼	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	13	...	1.5	15.4	2.6
10½	3½	Rosehaugh	7½ #	...	...	...	...
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
24	12	St Modwen Prp	24	+3	0.5	3.1	14.4
54	21	Savills	44	+1	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	42	...	1.5	4.8	...
62	39	Shaftesbury	57	...	...	...	...
70	2	Shield	10	...	...	...	...
20	11	Sinclair Gldsm	19	...	0.5	3.5	...
248	83	Slough Estates	173	-2	8.1	6.3	9.8
78	36	Southend Prop	60	...	4.1	9.3	30.3
25	2½	Speyhawk	15	...	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prps	20	...	...	...	...
84	58	Town Centre	84	...	3.1	4.9	16.4
61	35	Trafford Park	58	+1	2.5	5.9	15.6
33	7	UK Land	19	...	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	190	...	10.5	7.7	-
245	187	Warnford	187	-1	7.2	5.2	12.8
8	1	Waterglade	7½	+½	...	...	...
91	23	Wates	45	...	3.7	11.1	11.4
44	17	Wood John De	41	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	12	...	...	...	...
99	42	Headlam	99	+3	3.4	3.2	39.2
428	265	Lambert	390	...	12.5	4.3	10.2
111	63	Pittard Garnar	90	+1	1.5	2.2	11.9
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22½	-½	1.0	5.9	6.3
193	88	Stylo	142	...	2.5	2.3	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	362	Allied Tex	453	...	12.6	3.8	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	10.1	12.5
52	23	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
162	138	Br Mohair	144	+1	8.5	7.9	11.4
117	30	Celestion	117	...	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Chartwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186½	Claremont Ga	307	...	...	1.6	21.1
574	364	Courtauld Tex	561	+1	13.0	3.1	16.5
241	160	Dawson	237	+9	9.0	5.1	23.1
59	17	Drummond	27	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	33	...	...	...	...
73	60	Faupel	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
68	24	Foster (John)	29	...	0.5	2.3	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
173	99	Hicking Pntcs	173	+4	3.4	2.6	14.7
73	38	Jerome (S)	46	...	1.0	...	...
380	215	Lamont	291	...	...	5.5	14.3
584	308	Leeds	584	+10	11.0	2.5	18.8
41	15	Lister	27	+2	0.1	0.5	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	110	...	4.9	5.9	12.5
94	53	Parkland 'A'	94	+3	2.0	2.8	...
91½	63	Readicut	91½	+3½	3.4	5.0	18.2
71	30	SEET	39	+1	...	...	...
91	67	Sirdar	83	...	5.1	8.3	14.4
51	29	Stirling Gp	45	...	1.6	4.9	18.7
59	31	Stoddard	46	...	2.6	7.6	12.3
312	198	Tomkinsons	298	+3	11.5	5.1	25.7
5½	3	West Trust	3½	...	...	8.9	...
330	160	Yorklyde	330	...	9.7	4.0	15.4

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	973	-5	33.6	4.6	25.7
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	615	-11	10.2	2.2	14.1

TRANSPORT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	387	+1	8.0	2.8	...
816	531	BAA	770	-7	14.5	2.5	13.6
315	219	Br Airways	289	+1½	10.1	4.7	7.7
182	45	Clarkson (H)	73	...	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
480	293	Eurotunnel Uts	409	-2	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	5.5	...	12.3
140	70	Graig	129	-9	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	158	+3	...	6.3	7.6
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	31	...	1.9	8.2	18.5
53	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	41	...	1.3	4.1	2.5
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1300	+12½	4.5	0.5	5.3
311	190	Mersey Docks	293	-4	6.0	2.7	16.2
210	168	Natl Express	204	+4	...	4.7	13.4
290	216	NFC	272 †	+1	6.5	3.2	20.7
357	170	Ocean Group	278	-2	14.3	6.9	12.6
63	31	Ocean Wilson	42	...	...	8.4	9.4
562	296½	P & O Dfd	557	+2	30.9	7.3	19.6
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	130	...	...	5.6	...
510	267	Powell Duffryn	510	+13	22.6	5.9	20.4
125	96	Seacon	125	...	...	4.5	8.8
59	23½	TIP Europe	28½	-2	1.4	6.5	6.9
87	24	TNT	33½	-1	...	...	...
740	495½	Tibber & Brim	740	+17	...	1.9	29.6
478	214	Tiphook	367	+13	17.3	6.3	7.3
307	208	TDG	282	+1	9.5	4.5	16.9

WATER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	308½	Anglian Water	470	+5	19.3	5.5	8.5
591	336	Northumbrian	553	+5	20.5	4.9	5.7
513	323	North West	466	+1	19.6	5.6	8.3
479	298	Severn Trent	455	-1	19.3	5.7	6.6
485	301	Sthrn Water	462	+7	19.5	5.6	8.1
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1270	+5	40.2	4.2	8.2
524	306	South West	489	+3	21.7	5.9	7.4
518	324	Thames Water	480	+4	19.3	5.3	9.1
546	337	Welsh Water	516	+10	21.4	5.5	6.0
596	358½	Wessex Water	559 †	+6	...	4.7	7.6
547	336	Yorkshire W	519	+7	19.5	5.0	8.4

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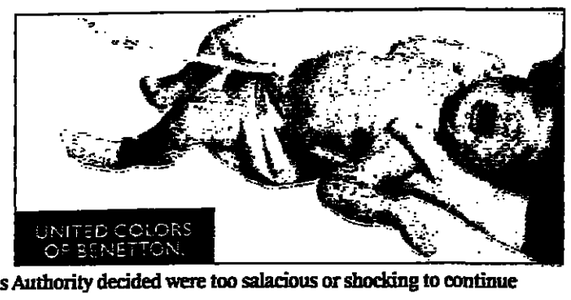
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What makes an advertisement offensive enough to be banned, asks Winston Fletcher







Judge for yourself: three rare examples of campaigns that the Advertising Standards Authority decided were too salacious or shocking to continue

If the advertising industry gave one of its many awards to the campaign which has generated more complaints than any other, Benetton would win by a mile. No sooner had the huge image of a new-born baby hit the hoardings than a torrent of complaints flooded into the Advertising Standards Authority: more than 800 within a few days. No other advertising campaign has ever caused such instant, widespread antipathy.

While the response to the Benetton poster was exceptional, the ASA receives a steady stream of objections to advertisements that people dislike — about 2,500 a year. That is about a quarter of the ASA's postbag; the remainder concern advertisements which are inaccurate or untruthful.

Offensive advertisements come in a cornucopia of shapes and styles. Some use sex far too blatantly. For example, a Saatchi campaign for Goodmans in-car stereo equipment — "Britain's second favourite in-car entertainment" — showed, in the ASA's decorous phrase, "a couple in a car in a series of intimate situations". Complainants found it altogether too lubricious. The ASA agreed, and banned it immediately.

Some advertisements depict women, especially skimpily clad women, in ways that almost everyone nowadays finds objectionable. Here the test is relevance. It is not unreasonable to show nudes in shower advertisements: few people, after all, bathe fully clothed. But in no way is it acceptable to decorate a tractor with a buxom belle in a bikini.

Some advertisements offend by being visually shocking. A couple of years ago the ASA banned an RSPCA advertisement which showed a horse hanging from a meat-hook. The RSPCA was furious. Most charities believe that part of their job is to bludgeon people into facing the distressing, brutal facts of life. The ASA's responses to such shock tactics are, they feel, ludicrously prissy.

Other advertisements about which people complain may be blasphemous, or immoral, or simply — like the Benetton poster — in deplorably bad taste. In every case the ASA weighs up whether or not the campaign in question infringes the British Code of Advertising Practice. This is not always easy.

> **Discovering what offends people is not that simple**

The code states: "No advertisement should contain any matter which is likely to cause grave or widespread offence." But who is to say, in our increasingly heterogeneous society, what will cause grave or widespread offence? Young and old, rich and poor, women and men, blacks and whites, all have different — and sometimes diametrically opposed — views of what is and is not offensive.

Last week the ASA's chairman, Sir Timothy Raison, called a seminar to explore the issues. The delegates were chosen to reflect all possible shades of opinion, and included sociologists, clerics, journalists and representatives of consumer groups, charities and the ethnic minorities, plus a sprinkling of advertising folk. Together they spent a day investigating the question of where — in these freewheeling 1990s — the ASA should draw the lines.

Is it indeed necessary for the ASA to draw such lines at all? On this there was general, though not quite universal, agreement. Enlightened self-interest undoubtedly restrains the majority of advertisers. But in a business where the name of the game is impact, a minority will always be tempted to go that extra lamentable mile. This is hardly worth arguing about: history has proved it.

In a marketing-based business such as advertising, the seemingly obvious way to answer the question would be to carry out market research, a proposal enthusiastically espoused by several of the delegates. Surely the simplest way to establish what causes "grave or widespread offence" is to ask people what offends them?

> **It is not unreasonable to show nudes in shower ads**

Maybe. But discovering what offends people is not that simple, as the ASA has already discovered. In 1982 and 1990 it carried out surveys into the public's acceptance of the ways in which women are depicted in advertisements. The public, it transpired, is confused.

The problem is that while most people agree there is a need for censorship they have little inclination to censor any individual advertisements. In the 1990 study the advertisement which invoked most hostility — it was headlined "FREE SEX" but turned out to be for a motorcycle firm — was nonetheless acceptable to almost everyone interviewed. Many though it crude, and in bad taste, but only 6 per cent wanted it banned.

This might be thought to endorse the extreme libertarian view. But the same research revealed that 57 per cent of the public believe that "there should be more censorship of advertising", and about the same number agree in general (though not, apparently, in particular) that "using sex as a means of gaining attention to an advertisement" should be outlawed. It is rather like religion: almost everyone thinks it is a good idea in principle but few want to do much about it in practice.

To complicate things further, offensive advertisements are of two distinct types. Those which may do harm, by encouraging undesirable attitudes or actions; and those which simply outrage our sensibilities. Neither the Benetton baby nor the RSPCA hanging horse could possibly be accused of encouraging harmful behaviour; nonetheless many people objected to them, and this would doubtless be reflected in any market research.

In contrast, campaigns which denigrate women, or flaunt racism, or encourage immoral behaviour would be unacceptable whatever the findings of market surveys. Repugnant social behaviour cannot be legitimised by research percentages. So market research is unlikely to provide the answer to the ASA's prayers, though it may provide a little pastoral guidance.

In the end the problem lands, fairly and squarely, back in the ASA's lap. As one delegate put it, the authority must use its judgment: there is no substitute.

Tuned into the listeners

Audience research proves that radio is just as popular as television

Last Friday morning Roger Gane ended 20 years of sniping between the BBC and commercial radio, with an eight-page document containing the first radio audience figures to be jointly agreed between the broadcasting organisations.

Some newspapers put the most dramatic news — the success of Classic FM — on the front page the next day, but there is more to the results than that.

"They show that 89 per cent of the adult population tunes into the radio at least once a week, a higher proportion than either the BBC or independent sector measured on their own systems," Mr Gane says. "Second, they show that listeners tune in for an average of 21.1 hours a week, or about as much as people spend watching television.

"Together with the launch of national commercial radio (Classic FM last September, and Virgin Radio this April), these figures may encourage the advertising industry to treat radio more seriously."

Adding up all its services — five national, four regional and 37 local — the BBC enjoys a 58 per cent share of all radio listening in Britain; independent radio attracts 38 per cent. This means that 4 per cent is tuned into "either the BBC World Service, or pirates, or local stations outside the listeners' own area — for example, when driving", according to Mr Gane. "It was a higher figure than anticipated."

From now on, Mr Gane will be issuing quarterly radio audience figures, in his capacity as director of a new body called Rajar (Radio Joint Audience Research). Owned jointly by the BBC and the Association of Independent Radio Companies, it receives hefty fees from the stations (£500,000 from BBC network radio, £100,000 from Classic FM, slightly less than £10,000 from local stations).

WEEKLY REACH

Station	Audience*	%
Radio 1	16,546	36
Radio 2	10,181	22
Radio 3	2,500	5
Radio 4	8,840	19
Radio 5	3,553	8
BBC network	28,942	62
BBC local/regional	9,459	20
All BBC	32,295	69
Classic FM	4,255	9
All INR	4,255	9
Atlantic 252*	4,251	9
All nat'l commercial	7,871	17
All ILR	20,580	44
All commercial	24,784	53
Other listening	5,957	13
All radio	41,592	89

*Thousands Source: RAJAR/RSL

The costs may seem high, but the work is extraordinarily labour-intensive. Market researchers visit carefully selected homes across the country (omitting the Channel Islands and Isle of Man). Each individual above the age of four in the household is asked to record his or her listening per 15-minute period on graph paper for a period of seven days. The diaries are then collected and sent to Research Services in Harrow, to be scanned by computer. Over the course of a year, about 120,000 people will be keeping diaries in this way: they receive no fee, only an opportunity to enter competitions with cash prizes.

In return for their large payments, of course, radio stations receive far more information than in the summary made publicly available: breakdowns by age and sex of their audiences, the proportion of ABC1s, variations in these at different times of day and night. They are allowed to disclose these more sensitive details, but are not obliged to. Doubtless they will when it suits them.

Perhaps it is, after all, a little premature to say that the sniping is over.

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Perfection takes some organising

German violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter, who is in Britain for concerts tonight and Friday, talks to Richard Morrison



PETER TRIEVNOR

Anne-Sophie Mutter: 29 years old, she has been at the top of her profession for 16 years, having made her first record at 14, after being "discovered" by Karajan

Not a lot remains unwritten about the violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter. Hardly surprising, really. She may be only 29, but she has spent 16 years at the top of the pile. So she long ago outgrew the "greatest musical prodigy since the young Menuhin" label (copyright, H. von Karajan). Pass comment on her technical brilliance, her questing intelligence, her command of timbre, the microscopic detail in her interpretations — and you just seem obvious, like a Bateman cartoon of "The Man who Uttered a Truism at the Salzburg Festival".

Her musicianship? Phenomenal: goes without saying. Glamorous? Of course. Never an eyelash disarrayed, and those strapless Dior frocks still amuse music critics into making improbably butch declarations in print. Which is a bit odd, because Mutter actually reveals far less flesh than can be seen at the local Conservative dinner-dance.

As for her ambition, that has always defied description. Two years ago in London she played seven concertos and seven big chamber pieces in one week. Not just your run-of-the-mill Brahms and Tchaik, either: here was contemporary music, written by composers who had been encouraged by her to devise challenges of dizzying complexity. New music or old, it did not matter. The performances were mesmerising: a real triumph of the will.

So what adjectives are left, once the publicists' favourites are used up? How about "organised"? A modest word, but it is surely the key to Mutter's intellect and her life.

"Yes, I am very organised," she says. She always has been. Her Black Forest childhood was supremely well ordered, mainly by her newspaper proprietor father. First violin lesson at five. First career decision at six ("we went to a recital by David Oistrakh; from that moment on, I knew I would be a violinist"). First nationwide music competition at seven (she won, of course). No point in dawdling with the dunces in a normal school, so teacher came to her: "with a good teacher you can save quite a lot of time." And save time she certainly did. At 13 she was "discovered" by Karajan — and world famous. First recording at 14. First "Deutsches Schallplattenpreis" at 16. And so on. The Mutter mantelpiece groans with trophies won at an age which, in ordinary mortals, would be described as "adolescence".

> 'I'd rather hit wrong notes than go for the safe, boring performance'

Karajan, that Rommel of musical organisation, was clearly a huge influence upon the teenage Mutter. Today, the distance is great enough for her to joke about it. "He always arrived two minutes before a concert, so I would arrive two minutes before. He drove a Porsche, so I bought one — except that his was turbo-charged, while mine was ordinary." Still, not a bad toy, considering that she was still too young to drive.

Karajan had the odd personality problem, but he was shrewd enough to let this particular bird fly away. "When I was about 16 or 17, we had a conversation," recalls Mutter. "He told me we would play fewer concerts together, that he didn't want to have such influence on my playing. I didn't understand at all. But now I see it was very wise and gentle of him. He understood the danger of having a child with him who easily could have become his marionette. He gave me the chance of artistic freedom."

What, though, does "artistic freedom" mean to Mutter? Not sloppiness, that is for sure. Seven years ago, the Royal Academy of Music in London invited her to give some masterclasses. Never in the field of human conflict did so innocuous an invitation produce such bloody results. Mutter was shocked at the students' standards, and rapped out a virtuosic *prestissimo* of stinging comments — on their technique, attitude, mental laziness, brain size. Doubtless it was all well meant — but not, as they say, conducive to good morale.

The problem is that Mutter regards the kind of technical hard-slog that she herself underwent between the ages of six and ten as essential to good violin-playing ("it's *because* it is so boring that it has to be done so early.") Now, she says, she does not even need to practise in a purely technical sense. "Not for many years. It's all in the brain. I know where all the problems are. Sometimes, I don't find a solution, but thinking about it helps much more than just repeating the motion over and over."

Of course, "thinking about it" is a phrase that must be put in context. Mutter's is a musical brain in a million. Could she, I ask, perform any concerto in her large repertoire at an hour's notice? "Within an hour?" she repeats with a slightly mocking smile. Then she abruptly snaps her fingers. "Within *that* I could play you nearly anything."

Yes, she is *organised*. Four years ago she married Karajan's former lawyer, Detlef Wunderlich: tax guru to the musical jet-set. She was 25, he was 52. She now has a one-year-old daughter, already believed to be tackling a little early Haydn between rusks. The pregnancy and birth coincided wonderfully well with the "sabbatical" that Mutter had decided, years earlier, to keep free of concerts and recordings. One would expect nothing else.

But some critics regard that very genius for organisation as a handicap. The more wilfully Mutter stamps her personality on a phrase (and some of the colours she produces are unlike anything else in the concert hall today), the more the murmurs grow that she has "prepared" too much, that head is ruling heart and calculation overriding spontaneity. Does she leave anything to impulse?

"Of course," she explains, ever so patiently. "The life one gives to a composition can only be done in public. For example, the most beautiful pianissimo is the one you get when you make a big audience sit very quietly, holding their breath. You cannot achieve that in your practice room. And I always take big risks. I'd rather hit wrong notes than go for the same, safe, boring performance."

That's easy to say, I reply, because you never actually hit any wrong notes.

"Sure I do. And I choose speeds which are crazily quick, but I enjoy them. I want to drive myself to the edge, if it doesn't hurt the composition."

Even so, those attending Mutter's recitals this week are advised not to hold their breath waiting for the wrong notes. There won't be any. She is an unstoppable force, utterly free from the spectre of self-doubt that grips so many other former child prodigies who have had the misfortune to grow up.

But what now? She talks expansively of plans to commission more new music ("contemporary music has enlarged my way of playing as nothing else has.") Indeed, she will probably do for the violin's repertoire in the 21st century what Rostropovich has done for the cello's in the 20th. Yet the joys of repeating mainstream repertoire endlessly over the next 40 years must be finite.

"With concertos that is true. But there are still plenty of sonatas to explore. And if that doesn't satisfy, there are string quartets!" Making up a foursome with Mutter is perhaps not an experience that musicians of a nervous disposition should contemplate.

● *Anne-Sophie Mutter gives recitals of Lutoslawski, Schubert and Beethoven tonight at Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021-212 3333) and on Friday at the Barbican, London (071-638 8891).*

Home and away wins for Canada

John Russell Taylor reports from Toronto and Montreal on a revitalised gallery and a revelatory loan exhibition from France

Relations between the Ontario government and the arts, excellent in principle, have been chequered in practice during the past two or three years. The planned new opera house for Toronto was cancelled just before building was due to start and while negotiations were already under way for the opening productions. That the new, expanded, totally reworked **Art Gallery of Ontario** managed to open its doors to the public at the end of January, after seven months (originally planned as three months) of closure is a rare tribute to the determination of its director Glenn Lowry and his curators.

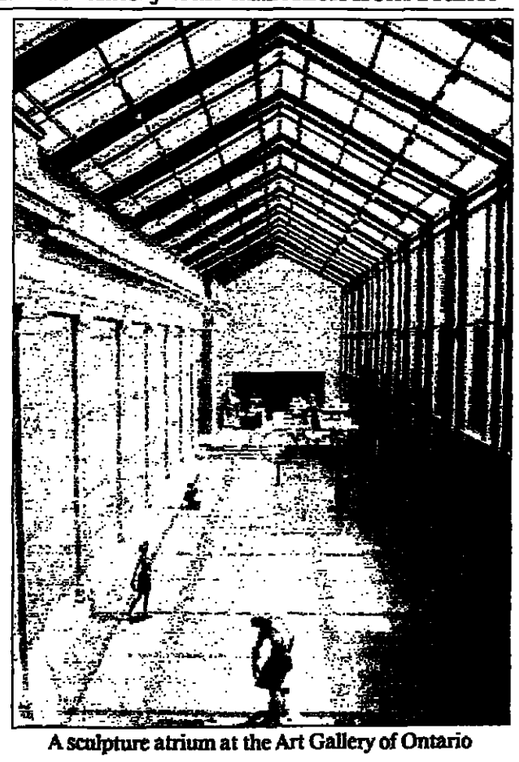
The AGO, funded by an intricate combination of state (operating costs) and the private sector (acquisitions and special projects), used to be a favoured child of the state government. But in 1991, with a new government in power, its grants were summarily cut to the bone. Since then it has been on a knife edge of expectation, unable to plan ahead because it was kept guessing about its grant level until after the start of each financial year. Even now it has a government "task force" assigned to probe its operations, and is threatened with a phased annual reduction of its grant to force it into heavier reliance on the private sector.

Despite all these problems, the new gallery is a triumph. Virtually the only part not significantly changed is the area containing the Henry Moore donation of 101 of his sculptures, 57 drawings and an almost complete set of his prints. The donation was made in 1968, because Moore had been so impressed by the gallery on his first visit. The brutalist concrete block which contains it opened in 1974.

It is clearly part of the policy for showing art in the gallery that no single pattern or type of background be imposed. The temporary exhibition space at the far end of the new front block is deliberately given a sort of Seventies, just-converted-loft look which suits perfectly the kinds of installation most likely to be shown there: at present it is occupied by a show of conceptual pieces, by Robin Collyer, which will represent Canada at the Venice Biennale this year.

Elsewhere quite different conventions apply. The older galleries devoted to European art before 1900 have been restored to the original shapes, and painted in sympathetic shades of red and green. One gallery, indeed, inevitably recalls Timothy Clifford's renovation of the Scottish National Gallery, even to colour, and that proves to have been a direct inspiration.

The totally new galleries at the front, designed by Barton Myers, have what one can already recognise as a Nineties flavour, with high white walls curving smoothly into an elegantly arched roof, rather like the Sackler Galleries of the Royal Academy on a larger scale. These house the contemporary art collection.



A sculpture atrium at the Art Gallery of Ontario

Perhaps the jewel of the whole undertaking is the new presentation of Canadian art, which gathers together at its core the gallery's significant holding of the Seven, the most famous group of Canadian Post-Impressionists. There is also particular emphasis on the mystical abstraction of the late Thirties, the development of the portrait in 20th-century Canada, and the individual genius of David Milne, landscape painter extraordinary, who is quite rightly given a whole room to himself.

One of the problems for the AGO in its present straitened circumstances is going to be keeping up a reasonable programme of major loan exhibitions. Funds do not seem to be the difficulty for the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Montreal, which at present has on two important loan shows, a revamped (and more coherent) version of the "Pop Art" show seen at the Royal Academy last year, and an enormous show of French 17th-century painting entitled **Le Grand Siècle**. Even though its space has been approximately doubled with the opening a year ago of a new south block, across the road from the old building (with link galleries actually under the road), large sections of the permanent collection have had to be stored in order to accommodate this show.

"Le Grand Siecle" is an extraordinarily ambitious undertaking: 117 paintings from the era of Poussin and Claude. In the event the warranted great masters are not permitted to dominate. The show, entirely drawn from French public collections, is organised by the directors of museums in Montpellier and Rennes, and places particular emphasis on what was happening in various provincial centres.

This means that Georges de la Tour gets an excellent showing, but more, it seems, as a figure who lived and worked largely outside Paris, than as a great master in his own right. The story the exhibition tells is a fashionably non-centrist, non-elitist one of widely disseminated new ideas.

These took French painting, not just in the immediate vicinity of the court, from the end of Mannerism through a great period of regeneration to a new classicism, a new realism, and the great flowering at the end of the century. Along the way there are many unfamiliar canvases, often retrieved from the stores of provincial museums, cleaned and restored, and even a number of unfamiliar names, such as Charles Errard, whose *Rinaldo Abandoning Armida*, long hanging unregarded in the city hall at Bouxwiller, is one of the show's great discoveries.

There is also a newly fashionable emphasis on the religious art of this period, long obscure because of the immense depredations by iconoclasts during the French Revolution. It will come as a surprise to many to see how much there is.

● *The Art Gallery of Ontario (416-977 0414) is at 317 Dundas Street, Toronto. Le Grand Siècle is at the Musée des Beaux-Arts (514-285 1600), 1379 rue Sherbroke Ouest, Montreal, until March 28.*

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The highlight of BRB's own Hippodrome season will come on June 11 with the long-awaited revival of Dame Ninette de Valois's *Job*, which is being brought back to celebrate the choreographer's 95th birthday. Created in 1931 to Vaughan Williams's score, the work is based on the engravings of Blake's *Vision of the Book of Job*. It was last performed by the company in 1970; in November there will be a special performance of *Job* in Coventry Cathedral.

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Home and away wins for Canada

WOMAD, the World of Music Arts and Dance, began the year with six of its eight companies going into liquidation. But now, repeating his guardian angel action of ten years ago when Womad's first festival ran up serious debts, Womad's founder, Peter Gabriel, has come to the rescue. World in the Park, a subsidiary of Gabriel's Real World group, has taken over the management and production of Womad's future festivals.

One lesson learnt from the crisis was the necessity to keep separate the educational aims of the Womad foundation and the more commercial activities of festival production. According to artistic director Thomas Brooman, another effect of the liquidation was to generate a "fantastic expression of support" from around the world. One of the tasks of the reborn organisation will be to find a way of translating this support into reality.

Already, international plans have expanded, with 1993's first festival beginning in Australia next month and further events planned in Spain, France, Germany, Finland, Turkey, Japan, Canada, the United States and Colombia. Meanwhile, the familiar UK fixture of Rivermead, Reading, will take place as scheduled from July 14-18.

● THE Scottish Ballet has announced a novel artistic collaboration: Robert Cohan, one of Britain's best-known contemporary choreographers, is creating a new three-act *Midsummer Night's Dream* for the Glasgow company. He is choreographing the ballet to Mendelssohn's incidental music (which Ashton used for his Royal Ballet *Dream*) supplemented by specially-commissioned music by Barrington Pheloung (of *Inspector Morse* fame) which will be woven into the Mendelssohn score.

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NEW DISPLAYS: The rehang at the Tate this year puts the emphasis on the portrait and Cubism, and a re-examination of abstraction in the 20th century.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm.

REMBRANDT'S GIRL AT A WINDOW: The show centres on perhaps Dulwich's most famous Rembrandt, exploring the myths that have grown up round the picture and comparing it with other Rembrandts, including the *Kitchen Maid* borrowed from the Nationalmuseum in Stockholm.
Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, SE21 (081-693 5254). Tues-Fri, 10am-1pm 2-5pm, Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, from today to Apr 25.

CARMEN: Sally Burgess makes a vibrant Carmen in David Pountney's squalidly realistic English National Opera production which sets Bizet's drama in a Latin American used car lot. Supporting cast includes Edmund Barham (Don José), Donald Maxwell (Escamillo) and Cathryn Pope (Micaela). Justin Brown conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). 7pm

CINDERELLA: Viviana Durante and Bruce Sansom take the leads in the final performance this season.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm

NO MAN'S LAND. Acclaimed production from the Almeida with Harold Pinter and Paul Eddington. Douglas Hodge and Gawn Grainger. David Leveaux directs Pinter's play
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Previews from tonight, 8pm; opens Mon, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD: New Bill Kenwright production, said to be a family rock' n 'roll musical.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC SINFONIA: Soprano Lilli Paasikivi takes the title role in Britten's opera in miniature, *Phaedra*. Michael Rosewell also conducts Mozart's overture to *Così fan tutte*, Brahms's Variations on a theme by Haydn and Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony.
Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, SW7 (071-589 3643), 7pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: The outstanding violinist **Anne-Sophie Mutter** joins forces with pianist Roger Vignoles to give a recital of works by Lutoslawski (*Partita*), Schubert (Fantasie for Piano and Violin); Beethoven (Sonata for Violin and Piano). (See interview, page 29.)
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333), 8pm

MANCHESTER: Philip Madoc, Tom Mannion, Michael Mueller in a new adaptation of Dostoevsky's mighty *The Brothers Karamazov*
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9333). Preview tonight, opens tomorrow, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: Though **Leslie Gibson** (1910-1969) worked mainly in London and as head of the Stapleford Studio school near Salisbury, he was born in Newcastle. A quiet traditionalist, he was happy in landscape, still-life and atmospheric scenes of everyday country life. He was also a brilliant draughtsman and printmaker, some of the most interesting works are drawings created during extensive European travel in the Thirties.
Hatton Gallery, The Quadrangle, Newcastle University (091-222 6057). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-4.30pm, until Feb 27.

SALISBURY: Joe Orton's play **What The Butler Saw**, booed at its first performance but now hailed as a modern classic, is given a ripe revival at the Salisbury Playhouse. A cast lead by Isla Blair and Roger Sloman gives fine pace to the intricate and multiple family mishaps. Directed by Penny Ciniewicz.
Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (0722 320117). Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm, until Feb 13.

SHEFFIELD: The respected **Lindsay String Quartet** performs quartets by Haydn, Shostakovich and Beethoven.
Crucible Theatre Studio, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). 7.45pm.

STEVENAGE: Snap Theatre Company premieres a new production of *Brideshead Revisited*, Waugh's passionate tale of doomed aristocrats.
Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way (0438 316291), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **CAROUSEL**: Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◪ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**: Rattigan's play on infatuation gets into high gear. Strong performances by Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache; exemplary production by Karel Reisz.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

■ **THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE**: Energetic update of Marivaux's role-swapping comedy mistakenly played for farce. Maggie Steed heads the cast
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. 140mins.

■ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Peter Shaffer's latest bloodthirsty revenge versus forgiveness on a modern Greek island. Deep issues, iffy treatment but Judi Dench is powerful
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 165mins.

■ **HAMLET**: Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. Uncut version
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 6.30pm, mat tomorrow, 12.30pm. 270mins.

□ **HAY FEVER**: Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's comedy. With Sarah Crowe and Christopher Goodwin.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs, Sat 2pm. 115mins.

□ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY**: Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged, doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

◪ **KING LEAR**: Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

◪ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performances by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◪ **MISERY**: Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in ridiculous but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◪ **MR CINDERS**: Samuel West and Sally Anne Triplett help spread more than a little happiness in the Vivian Ellis charmer reversing the Cinderella story.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 150mins. Extended to March 7.

□ **OUR SONG**: Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

■ **RICHARD III**. Ciaran Hinds takes over from an injured Simon Russell Beale in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC production.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 195mins.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**: William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS. □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . □ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Arts Theatre (071-836 2132) . . □ **Dancing at Lughnasa**: Garrick (071-494 5085) . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . □ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information from SWET.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ANNABELLE PARTAGEE (18): Paris ballet student hesitates between lovers. Ferociously dull sexual drama. Writer-director Francesca Comencini; with Delphine Zingg, François Marthouret.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

CHAPLIN (12). A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr, but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **MIDNIGHT STING** (15). Rival conmen lock horns over a boxing contest. Ugly, crowd-pleasing fare, with James Woods, Bruce Dern, Louis Gossett Jr. Director, Michael Ritchie
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

NIGHT AND THE CITY (15). Small-time lawyer Robert De Niro turns boxing promoter. Restless, disappointing remake of the 1950 classic. With Jessica Lange; director, Irwin Winkler
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18). A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SCHTONK! (15): Boisterous comedy based on the Hitler diaries scandal. Muted as satire, but enjoyably plush; director, Helmut Dietl
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18): István Szabó's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest: his best film in years
Metro (071-437 0757)

◆ **SINGLES** (12): The love problems of Seattle twentysomethings. Engaging, upbeat entertainment, nicely portrayed (Kyra Sedgwick, Campbell Scott, Matt Dillon). Writer-director Cameron Crowe.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **SOFT TOP HARD SHOULDER** (15): London to Glasgow with an ice-cream heir (Peter Capaldi), a prim miss (Elaine Collins), and too many whimsies for comfort. Director, Stefan Schwartz.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry.
Minema (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** feels excluded when watching a one-sided polemical play

Traffic in ideas is one way only

Worlds Apart
Theatre Royal,
Stratford East



MARILYN KINGWILL

Let them in: Patrick Brennan (third from left) confronts chief immigration officer David Barrass (right)

PAUL Sirett's play is designed to show that tough, cruel things are being perpetrated by our immigration authorities and that the government's present attempt to create "a faster and more efficient system" will only make them more tough and cruel. What chance for the pregnant Zairean who arrives at Heathrow, or whatever this unnamed airport is meant to be, in search of a husband who has apparently been granted political asylum in Britain?

As it turns out, a friendly solicitor manages to embarrass Cerberus's masters into giving her a temporary visa. But they are looking forward to a day, not too far ahead, when they can simply whisk her to the place from whence she came as speedily as sneezing.

She is one of the disgruntled arrivals held for questioning on what, it seems, is an averagely hectic day. The others are a Spanish dancer (Anya Phillips) who misses a career-changing competition when misidentified as a terrorist; a Conservative businessman of Asian origin (a nice performance from Madhav Sharma) who has lost his passport; and a black American airman (ditto from David Harewood) whose tulip bulbs are mistaken for drugs.

There is also a narrator in the form of a Tibetan (Richard Rees) who has defected from a dance troupe while on tour in Angola. He has jetted to Britain in search of the protection our forefathers gave far more unlovely people.

They all invite sympathy; and that, of course, is one of the play's troubles. Whatever we think of the chief immigration officer's argument that an overcrowded, recession-hit island cannot offer the rest of the world limitless hospitality — and in view of recent events in Germany it is an unavoidable point — we can hardly deny that some of those battering at the castle doors should promptly be thrown into the moat.

Someone who arrived full of drug-filled condoms is mentioned in passing. It would make for a more balanced, fairer and (paradoxically) more effective play if Sirett had added just one bad hat to the guests in that fake-comfy waiting-room.

As it is, his play is lively, entertaining and mildly provocative, but also one-sided and a bit diffuse. I suppose a certain amount of irrelevant chat, such as arguments between the Asian and the black about music and cricket, is necessary if a bored, nervous gathering is to be brought to life. But what does the Tibetan's long folk-story, intermittently cut into the action, add except a few forced parallels and a lot more distraction?

And why must Jeff Teare, who directs the play's realistic stretches ably enough, increase the distraction by introducing some masked, swaying figures in red striped robes, who appear above the immigration control offices? The effect, meant to be exotic, is of a trio of Eastern Miss Piggies, dressed as milkmaids.

Moreover, should Sirett spend so much time on the personal idiosyncrasies, tensions and sexual conflicts of the apparatchiks themselves? If that helps him establish that the chief (David Barrass) is a bit of a racist and Little Englander, one lieutenant (Jonathan Coote) a snickering nerd with a taste for porn, and another (Claire Rushbrook) a frustrated witch with a drinking problem, it also adds substance to the principal objection against his play. It airs a subject well worth attention, but it loads and tilts the evidence.

Difficult to care much

The Caretaker
Nottingham Playhouse

AS A director, Steve Shill is the darling of listings magazines, proponents of "performance art", and the post-literature age that prefers mood, atmosphere and the conveniently indefinable to the articulate, the coherent and the purposeful. His stated aim is "total theatre" which, apparently, means cinema.

His production of Harold Pinter's sad, teasing three-hander at Nottingham is prefaced by an obeisance to "those great British black and white movies of the 1960s". Alas for Barbara Windsor fans: I think he means Woodfall Films rather than the prototype Carry Ons.

The trouble is that *The Caretaker* is already a great British black and white movie of the 1960s — with Donald Pleasance, Alan Bates and Robert Shaw all unsurpassable in one of the few film treatments of a stage play that could not be "opened out". How to match it in its own cinematic terms? You need more than a drowsy saxophone distantly audible, the credit titles and such information as "a light in winter" or "a few seconds later" which is projected on to the scenery.

When the stylised distillation of a Shill tries to meet the elliptical elusiveness of a Pinter they blithely pass each other by, each absorbed in its unique, solipsistic world, too similar to strike sparks off one another: an all too apt example of the non-communication illustrated by Pinter's three simultaneous solos that never become a trio.

Shill's own design is a cluttered upper room, a monument to junk collected and never thrown away, though Georgian-scale windows make one wonder about the squalid area's social origins. Here the blustering and loquacious tramp is installed as caretaker by two mysterious brothers: one a flip, mercurial flash boy darting between facetiousness and menace, the other a solemnly lumbering survivor from electric shock treatment in a mental home.

The three uncomprehendingly goad, torment and mock in a situation that, as with *The Birthday Party*, seems frozen in time and place. Just as Hitchcock anchors his grim fairy-tales in recognisable locations or pinpoints date, place and time, so Pinter emphasises this killing bottle's fascination for its three buzzing prisoners by tantalising references to an external world, to Dalston Junction, Luton or Putney.

Not that the ironic counterpoint between individual hells and an impervious universe comes over here. Shill provides atmospheric effects, which amount to watery noises for rain, brightness for morning and darkness for night. But nothing can redeem the absence of a strong central performance.

Kenneth Haigh is too young, too robust, too sociable for the tramp. He resembles a cross between Lord Callaghan and Rab C Nesbitt, and indeed plays with something of the insouciance popularly attributed to the last Labour prime minister in the face of crisis. He lacks the quality of baffled rage against an unheeding world, being no more scruffy or rambling than many an esteemed member of the Garrick Club, for example.

The two brothers are promising: Michael Praed is seedy rather than whimsical as the dangerous joker, and Jonathan Lermit, a pathetically dignified hulk, as yet cannot make his account of his mental sufferings as harrowing as the passage can be. But the same might be said of the whole efficient, detached and resolutely ungripping production.

MARTIN HOYLE

TELEVISION REVIEW

Ziggy in the middle of a change of circumstances

Cracked Actor
BBC 1

THIS was not only a postcard from a particularly colourful province of that foreign country, the past, but a genuine gold-plated nugget from the archives of *Omnibus*, celebrating its 25th anniversary. Produced and directed by Alan Yentob, now controller of BBC 2, it shadowed David Bowie in and around Los Angeles in 1974, at the time when the singer and songwriter thought he was finally shedding the skin of the characters Ziggy Stardust and Aladdin Sane, whom he had created as means of exploring his own multi-faceted personality.

In the mid-1970s he was so full of new ideas — he produced the albums *Young Americans*, *Diamond Dogs* and *Station to Station* in a two-year burst — that there simply was not time to dwell on past creations, who also included Major Tom and The Man Who Sold the World. In fact, Bowie had to carry the increasingly uncomfortable burden of his audience's affection for these misfits for some years to come, finally exorcising them with a "farewell" greatest hits tour in the late 1980s.

Back in 1974, he was busily creating the stage persona of the Thin White Duke, a move which led thousands of wannabees to wash off the lightning-flash makeup of Ziggy, shed the mini-dresses and thigh boots, buy a sleek white suit and add a gold wash to the cockscombed red hair, which was now to be worn in an extravagant quiff.

Bowie wrote the book on metamorphosis for the masses and, in one of the soundbites which peppered last night's repeated film, he put his philosophy thus: "I'm glad if I have helped people in finding another character within themselves. One isn't totally what one has been conditioned to think one is."

Or, as a chubby, glitter-dusted young American fan put it: "I guess I'm living my fantasy — excitement, space. I'm just a space cadet, he's the commander."

Many of the clichés of the rock documentary seemed to have had their origins in this piece: the star watched old film of self; rummaged through reminders of past performances; was nervous in a limo on the way to the show, nervous in the dressing room. Exhausted and elated in the limo after the show, he was relaxed and reflective about America in a limo travelling across a desert, singing "Aoop" along with the backing to Aretha Franklin's "Natural Woman" on the stereo. We saw the audience as they queued or thrust arms towards the stage; and several songs from the concerts.

The fashions, a glimpse of a Liberace billboard and a concert-bound Elizabeth Taylor, Bowie's then colourful teeth and the omnipresent cigarettes were what most obviously dated the piece. Its present-day equivalents would have the dubious additions of analytical musings from veteran rock critics, embarrassing recollections by family and friends and (worst of all) a few too many words on what Bowie means to some pseudo-guru such as Clive James.

After a shot of some playful onstage bondage in "Diamond Dogs" the reverent interviewer (Yentob?) asked whether this represented the ghost of Ziggy being tied up. "Yes", said Bowie. "I've been trying to get rid of the damn character. I'm glad I'm *me* now; [pauses to consider this rock-star pronouncement] God, I can trot 'em out." Long may he continue to.

TONY PATRICK

ENTERTAINMENTS

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Robert Redford as director: "his commitment to independent film-making and to its cultural, literary and political aspects might surprise those dazzled solely by his smile."

Sundance's kids are taking over

The locals of Park City, Utah, do not normally "do lunch" or "green-light projects". But for the ten days of the Sundance Film Festival, the talk on Main Street is nothing but Hollywood, as this old mining-town ski-resort becomes the centre of the entire American movie industry.

Here, among mountains and blizzards, West Coast money meets East Coast creativity and then tries to buy it out. In the last few years, Sundance has become the most important film festival in America, frequented strictly by industry insiders, hardcore players, who prowl the screenings like executive pimps, looming from theatre shadows, contract in hand. This is a town with more network than Dino Zoff, where scripts are openly bartered, deals shuffled like cards and everyone from Italian distributor to Icelandic producer demands to know "what have you seen?".

Hollywood needs talent constantly, and it has slowly come to realise that the place to find fresh flesh is amongst those young directors previously considered too maverick, too artsy for the LA treadmill. Sundance has consistently demonstrated where the new talent can be found, but most important as far as Hollywood is concerned it has highlighted independent films that have then gone on to make genuine money.

The real breakthrough was Steven Soderbergh's *sex lies and videotape*, first discovered at Sundance and subsequently more financially successful than any Beverly Hills mogul dared imagine. With the commercial success of last year's Sundance discoveries, *In the Soup* and *Reservoir Dogs*, it became obvious that the more crass and formulaic Hollywood becomes, the more opportunity there is for imaginative, independent work to find an audience.

The ambiguous relationship between Sundance and Hollywood is well embodied by the founder and ruler of this empire, Mr Robert Redford. Back in 1961, Redford bought his two-acre ranch in Utah, where he built his own home for his wife and children. As his career grew, the ranch expanded with it. Now covering more than 5,000 acres, it includes not only the li'l ol' homestead where he still lives, but his own Sundance Institute, dedicated to nurturing new directors and screenwriters.

Like the festival, the institute is devoted solely to those who actually make movies, with most emphasis on the script process. There are film-makers' "labs" throughout the year, with a roster of invited students who work at their projects. The Sundance Institute and the festival are separated by a 40-minute drive and a certain attitude, but some films developed at the labs, such as *El Norte* or the ubiquitous *Reservoir Dogs*, go on to success at the festival.

Redford's commitment to independent film-making and to its more cultural, literary and even political aspects might surprise those dazzled solely by his celebrated smile. His favourite writer is Chekhov; his good friend Gabriel Garcia Marquez came to lead a workshop for Spanish-speaking screenwriters; and his proudest achievement is in the encouragement of black, gay and other minority work. At his Sundance press conference, sitting before a roaring fire like a John Denver television special, Redford prominently wore a badge to promote *Just Another Girl on the I.R.T.*, the first commercial feature by an African-American female, a zappy tale of life in the ghetto.

Of course, Redford has had his own battles with Hollywood, as he pointed out. *A River Runs Through It*, his most recent directorial effort (opening in Britain this month), was — despite his position in the industry — an entirely independent project which amazed Hollywood by its commercial success. Redford spoke of independent film as a counter-force to society, and specifically in opposition to the "administrated greed" of the last Republican decade. In terms of greed, though, he was clear about the reasons for the recent huge success of his festival. "Hollywood's a business. The industry comes here to discover talent they think will be profitable. For the mainstream, success, profit is the only criteria."

> 'Amid the mountains, West Coast money meets East Coast creativity and tries to buy it out'

The criteria of the festival are more problematic. For if Hollywood has only recently become interested in independent film, many young film-makers have been interested in Hollywood far longer. The more Hollywood craves hot new directors, the more directors crave to please, and the distinction between truly independent and industry "calling card" films is thoroughly blurred. Many movies shown this year at Sundance were commercial and eager to ingratiate, independent only in so much as the budgets were minuscule and the directors improbably young.

One theme this year was "twentysomething" directors, who seemed prolific and frighteningly ambitious, sadly not in terms of content or technique, but in signing the right contract as fast as possible. This year's typical success story would be *El Mariachi*, a Texan comedy made by a 24-year-old first-time director, Robert Rodriguez. A competent, mildly droll student effort, its real excitement lay in its budget: just $7,000. Hollywood, which cannot resist extremes at either end, gasped and simultaneously brandished contracts. Rodriguez signed a deal with Columbia Pictures for two years.

Curiously, by contrast with theatrical tradition, the short films were particularly popular at the festival, maybe because talent agents only have to sit through 20 minutes or less to see if they are tempted. Christian Taylor, a 23-year-old British director, has already reaped acclaim with his graduate short from New York University, *The Lady in Waiting*, which he is now going to direct as a full-length major feature.

Another film with a distinctly British bent, Mike Newell's *Into The West*, the gala opener, proved the hit of the festival, not least for its television clip of Redford in *Butch Cassidy*. What's more, another British effort, Sally Potter's *Orlando*, received a five-minute standing ovation. None of the studio executives had heard of Potter before, nor of her previous, more experimental work; films that a British Sundance might have showcased.

The difference between British and American movie culture is equally evident in the considerable US box-office success of movies such as *Enchanted April* or *The Crying Game*. What Sundance makes clear is that the potential for independent movie success lies as much in marketing and media "buzz" as in any intrinsic merit to the film.

There is a certain incongruity about Sundance. You blink to see Sam Shepard in the post office, Jeff Bridges waiting for a bus. But Sundance works because it demonstrates a sincere belief in the potential of new film-makers, of a potential not necessarily best realised by being hired to direct *The Bodyguard IV*. The question is whether the film-makers themselves share that idealism.

MUSIC IN CARDIFF

Young lovers look and sound right

Welsh National Opera has assembled a fine young cast for its latest revival of **La Bohème** at the New Theatre. Not all the voices are quite "finished", but the eternal students and both pairs of lovers look as if they are barely into their twenties, and that is a good start for an opera about the splendours and miseries of young love.

It was unfortunate in the circumstances that in the course of a well-paced, impulsive reading on Monday John Pryce-Jones and the orchestra should have let rip quite so enthusiastically, as though sinking their teeth into one of Mahler's noisier symphonies; the young artists had to resort to full throttle too often, and at times were left mouthing helplessly like goldfish within a glass bowl of sound.

That was the only blot — and an easily eradicable one — on a fresh, inventive performance blessedly free of routine. The late Göran Järvefelt's nine-year-old production always dealt in creative rather than slavish naturalism, and in Ceri Sherlock's hands the revival is thought-provoking as well as harrowing. Mary Callan Clarke is a traditional Mimi in neither demeanour nor vocal profile. Her forward, open tone tends to brittleness, which suits a production in which the seamstress calls the tunes. She drops her key on purpose on entering the garret, blows out her candle, and stages a faint that only a truly inexperienced Rodolfo would take as genuine. He has been set up.

Indeed, this *Bohème* is more about Rodolfo than it is about Mimi, and Paul Charles Clarke shoulders the burden manfully. There is a really exciting ring to the top of his voice but comparative weakness in the lower range, which needs work. He is also a communicative actor. His shambling resort to the bottle in the third act and his utter helplessness in the fourth were extremely affecting.

Musetta and Marcello are less complex: Alwyn Mellor was deliciously sexy, and Jason Howard nicely suggested the tender heart behind the bluff, rugger-hearty exterior. Both sang strongly. Karl Morgan Daymond made his company debut as Schaunard; his opening narration suffered most from the orchestra's heedless ebullience and he too needs to work on his lower register, but his debonair, precious, almost camp impersonation was original and well sustained. Stephen Gadd's sonorous Colline completed a convincing quartet.

This is everything a revival ought to be, and well worth catching as it tours far and wide (with cast changes) between now and July.

RODNEY MILNES

Play on words

Ten years ago, before St David's Hall was opened, Cardiff was lucky if it had five classical concerts a year. This year, the **BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra** alone has had as many dates in the hall in one month.

Saturday's gala concert celebrated the tenth anniversary of St. David's Hall. In doing so, it celebrated an acoustic whose glories are under-sung, as well as an expanded and re-born orchestra (under the baton of Tadaaki Otaka, the band has gone from strength to strength), and, not least, the peculiar genius of Welsh composition.

Alun Hoddinott is not alone among his countrymen in being intoxicated by the word. There are a great many in the symphony he was commissioned to write for this occasion. *A Vision of Eternity* is Hoddinott's Ninth symphony, so some verbal focus is perhaps not inappropriate. But in choosing two hefty collations of Blake to flank an extended section of Shelley's poem "Mont Blanc", he left little space for music to live its own life.

Dame Gwyneth Jones, for whom the symphony was written, ploughed her way through its long acres of philosophy and philology. In the first movement, she has to deliver the Preface to the Fourth Book of *Jerusalem*, no less, and she did so in a sprawling, stentorian arioso, punctuated by frequent thunder-claps of percussion and brass.

A high, sliding progression of divided string chords appeared and re-appeared, here and throughout the work, as a unifying and gleaming signal of the music's other-worldly world vision. It would be some time before we were invited "to see a world in a Grain of Sand", though already Eternity had been glimpsed in less than half-an-hour.

Hoddinott's central Shelley vision at last revealed the voice momentarily unaccompanied, isolated in a sustained skyscape of oscillating two-note figures, icy pitched percussion and muted trumpet sun-spots. Descending from the mountain top, a rhythmic wave passing up through the strings and gradually developing into an exultant funeral march gave momentum to the last and most successful panel of Hoddinott's triptych.

HILARY FINCH

Easy listening made difficult

Stephen Pettitt finds more style than substance in a Chamber Symphony by American post-minimalist John Adams

Notes, notes, notes. Lots of them, mostly short ones, mostly formed in repeating, overlapping patterns. Lots of different patterns too, colliding with each other, or sounding simultaneously. And underpinning it all a constant pulse provided by jazz kit. John Adams's new Chamber Symphony is busy, often thrilling stuff. It closes, for instance, with a crowd-pleasing finale, called "Roadrunner", which builds up to a velocity of Mansell-like proportions, ending ebulliently after a violin cadenza gives temporary respite from its mind-blowing impetus.

Yet, as one would by now expect from this composer, the work shows an unusual side of minimalism. Its sound-world owes much to Stravinsky. A passage for violin early in the opening movement, "Mongrel Airs", brings to mind *The Soldier's Tale*, for instance, while later the dry staccatos of the trombone and trumpet recall a work like Ragtime for Eleven Instruments. Then there is the central movement, bearing the self-explanatory title of "Aria with Walking Bass" and sounding a bit like a Bach chorale prelude before rhythmic disjointedness transports it to a Ligeti-like orbit.

Influences, influences, influences. What, though, does it add up to? The work, for all its harmonic and textural complexities, falls easily on the ear, requirement number one in anything by Adams. It is written with flair and brilliance, and proved a severe test to the virtuosity even of the **London Sinfonietta** (they passed with flying colours).

But nothing lay within. The proof of that came through the opportunity this concert offered for a direct comparison of Adams's work with George Crumb's *Ancient Voices of Children*. There Lorca's haunting texts are set to the sparsest, most isolated gestures. No longer do special effects like the singing of soprano (Christine Whittlesey) and boy soprano (Sam Pay) into the amplified piano strings, or the use of mandolin and musical saw, seem perverse avant-garde indulgences. Every sound, every effect matters; the music speaks to the soul; it elucidates rather than merely titillating the outer ear.

Adams, who conducted the whole concert himself (and did it well), obviously admires *Ancient Voices*; otherwise he could not have engineered this concentrated, affecting reading. His breadth of mind is such that he also included two other works not entirely in the orbit of his own music, Tod Machover's *A Song of Penance* (1991) and Peter Lieberson's brief, vividly painted *Raising the Gaze* (1988), which again made demands of the violinist, Bradley Creswick.

Machover's ambitious work, which features a solo electric viola (Paul Silverthorne) whose sound is modified using advanced computer technology, trades heavily in nostalgia, though its pre-recorded and heavily treated spoken and sung text, by Rose Moss, gives it an additional air of artificiality. Nagging resonances of Vaughan Williams's *Flos Campi* seeped through all the hardware and the complex though fluent language; and frankly that is not very much of a compliment.



John Adams: his Chamber Symphony is written with flair and brilliance, but little lies behind its virtuosity

RADIO REVIEW

Contrasts in how to make contact

The Sunday Play, Peter Tegel's **Return to Krnov** (Radio 3) was a portrait of Anton, an elderly Sudeten German who goes back from Britain to Czechoslovakia to look for his father's grave. It was set in 1988, just as communism was beginning to crumble. But what was it about? It had nothing to say about politics, and not much about Anton.

It was billed as "semi-autobiographical", and it seemed as though the author might have made such a trip himself, then pieced together a kaleidoscope of poetic impressions he had received, without really trying to give them dramatic point, or even shape.

Hugh Dickson played the part of Anton in that delicate, very sympathetic voice of his, but with a sort of mannered, self-amused detachment that prevented one from getting close to Anton's feelings. However, that was perhaps apt for a play that just glanced at a series of scenes on a journey.

The best part was Anton's arrival in the town square where he knows he lived as a small child, but of which at first he remembers nothing. Then, with mounting excitement, he begins to have strange stirrings of memory under the trees in the square. When he finds his father's grave in the town, he learns that the body will by now have vanished completely in the black, porous soil, and that the body of a young Czech doctor is buried on top. He feels compassion for the father who has disappeared so completely, and a sense of mission fulfilled. End of play. Good for Anton (or Tegel). But what was not fulfilled was one's initial hope of understanding Czech communism, or the strains of exile, or just one person's heart, a little better.

It was a great contrast to hear Thom Gunn, a British poet who lives in California, reading some of his poems about friends who had died of Aids (**The Man with Night Sweats**, Radio 3, Monday to Thursday).

Many of Gunn's early poems were about the excitement of risk ("I would not have the risk diminished" one of them ended), and these new poems still expressed wonder at his dead friends' daring, "testing themselves against risk" or learning how to "hold an avalanche off". But the poems were full of strong, restrained grief, too: "This optic nerve would never be relit," Gunn said of one of his friends, in his clear, anguished voice. He had no simple, would-be helpful reaction to offer — in fact he said in one poem how "undefined" he felt after these deaths. But here an intense experience had really been written down by a writer, with an art that took you deep into it.

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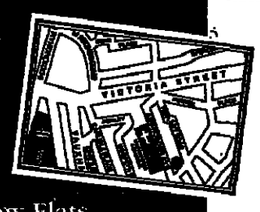
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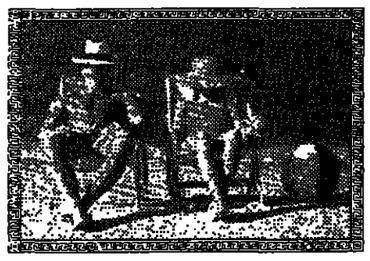
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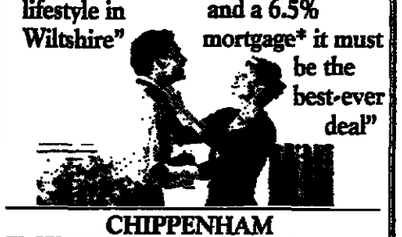
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Gambling on the money markets

Rachel Kelly looks at whether exchange-rate fluctuations have created a bargain basement of the property world

The pound reeled, and it was not just the currency-dealers who began calculating. Thousands of would-be homeowners have been totting up what sterling's collapse would mean for their dreams of buying a *gite* in Gascony or a flat in Florida as francs and dollars continued to rise against the pound.

The answer is that the extent of the price hike depends on when in the past week you grabbed your calculator. The latest currency turmoil began on last Tuesday when the pound started to fall as the markets placed their bets on further cuts in interest rates. Since then sterling has continued to drop against the mark — to which the franc is tied in the exchange-rate mechanism — and the dollar, seesawing as it fell, one moment at a record low, the next recovering a few pfennigs or cents.

At close of business on Monday, the pound was down to $1.455, its lowest level for six years, and to Dm2.3757. The most dramatic change in the world of the money markets came last Saturday when the Irish punt was devalued by 10 per cent, the fifth ERM casualty in the past four months. Now could be the time to consider realising that dream of a Georgian mansion on the west coast.

While would-be Irish-home buyers should probably speed their searches, would-be French buyers should slow down. The franc is under attack as it suffers from uncertainty about its government's commitment to the Maastricht treaty. There is also increasing popular support in France for a change of policy that would allow interest rates to fall as unemployment rises. The franc could yet drop out of the ERM and effectively devalue. The result would be cheaper French farmhouses for the British.

For now, the Bank of France appears to be contemplating higher interest rates to protect the franc, and the Germans will do all they can to support the French currency, defending the countries' "sweetheart relationship". Speculators have already tried against the franc and lost, say its defenders.

Frank Rutherford, who sells houses in France through his estate agency Rutherfords, is less sure. He says: "The franc may flinch. The Germans may not be able to sustain their sweetheart relationship. There are many in France who feel the franc is over-valued, and not helping the recession." Buyers are waiting meanwhile to see what happens in the short-term.

Analysts and estate agents say, however, that a long-term perspective should be taken on overseas buying decisions. The real shift in the balance, they say, is not the few percentage points that the pound gained or lost in the past week, but the far more dramatic effect of the withdrawal from the ERM last autumn. Since then, sterling's international value has fallen by nearly 15 per cent and foreign buyers have been scooping up London property bargains. Knight Frank & Rutley calculates that 70 per cent of its current buyers are foreign. In contrast, sterling's international value has fallen by just 4 per cent since last Tuesday.

EC countries divide into two groups, those with currencies still tied to the ERM, and those with floating currencies such as sterling. ERM countries remain relatively expensive, non-ERM countries remain relatively cheaper in simple currency terms. The fact that France is still tied to the ERM means that the exchange rate works against British buyers, making houses in France about 20 per cent more expensive than they were when Britain was in the ERM.

> 'Since devaluation, foreign buyers have been scooping up property in London'

Fortunately for the British, with their passion for Tuscan farmhouses, the lira was also forced to devalue last year, and when it did so, fell more rapidly than sterling. When Britain was in the ERM, there were 2,850 lira to the pound; now the rate is about 2,220 lira. Steve Emmett, of the agent Brian A. French which sells houses in Italy, says that buyers torn between France and Italy are plumping for the latter on cost grounds.

But waiting to see which way exchange rates jump may not make most sense. If you are buying as an investment, exchange rates can be less important than the housing market into which you buy and the economy it reflects. Andrew Hay, from Knight Frank & Rutley, cautions that generalisations about particular economies can also be misleading. "You might think that Ireland and Greece had weak economies, but they benefit from grants from the EC, which attract high-tech companies to certain areas." In such areas, the housing market can be boosted by the arrival of employees looking for homes.

The ERM/former ERM split is also complicated if one believes that those countries which can reduce their interest rates and control their economies may recover more quickly than those still tied to the Bundesbank. Thus British house prices may recover more rapidly than those in French. The recession in France means that prices are depressed, Mr Rutherford says. Knight Frank & Rutley, for example, has dropped the guide price for Le Manoir duc Blanchissage, in Grasse, in the South of France, from £2 million to £1.6 million.

Mr Rutherford points out that many houses are being resold by Britons, who are often happy to sell in pounds. They are not looking for windfall profits, but are trying to recoup their investments. "Some are happy to take the old sterling rate when we were still in the ERM and there were about ten francs to the pound," Mr Rutherford says. The Rutherfords agency is selling a house in the Dordogne, surrounded by walnut trees, for Fr420,000. That is the equivalent of £50,000 but the owner is prepared to accept £45,000 sterling.

The ideal situation for buyers would be if depressed prices in France were effectively reduced still further by a beneficial exchange rate. Many would-be buyers will wait for that to happen. David Scott, from David Scott International which specialises in houses in Spain and Portugal, says: "Uncertainty about exchange rates is the greatest impediment to anyone making up their minds about buying abroad. When we were in the ERM, we had more stability."

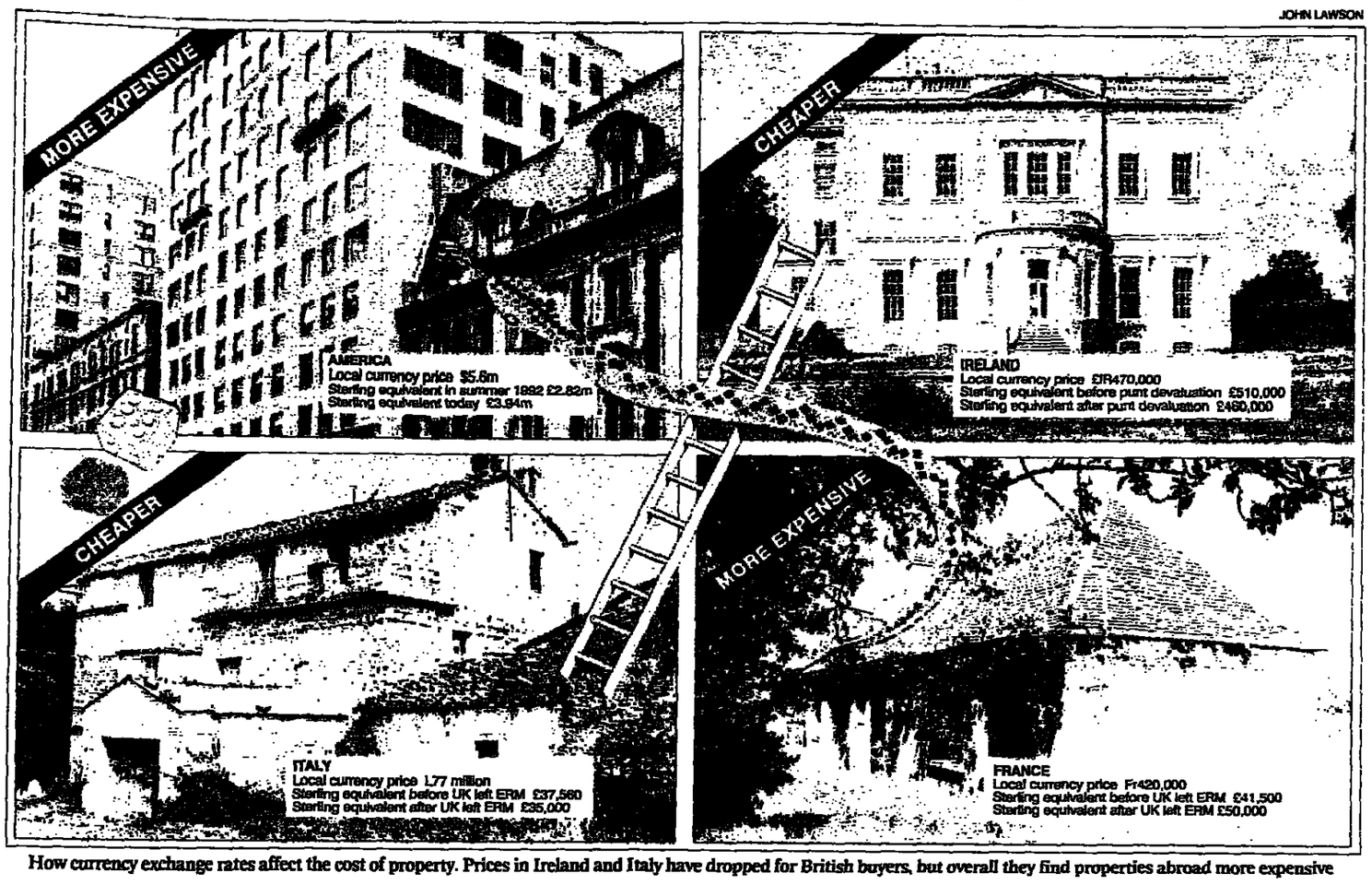
In general though, as Mr Scott says, if you buy into a stronger currency, that may reflect a stronger more stable economy, and an investment may better hold its value. "If you take Spain for example", Mr Scott says, "The peseta has been very strong against the pound so it is more expensive for English purchasers. But their investment is likely to hold its value."

Though the dollar/sterling ratio is against British buyers, Knight Frank reports that many are snapping up property in America. In February 1992, there was $1.78 to the pound, the rate soared to sterling's advantage in the summer when the rate was nearly $2 to the pound. Now at $1.46 to the pound, it is 38 per cent more expensive to buy in America than it was last summer. In the past week, it has become about 8 per cent more expensive.

Even so buyers are not being deterred, says Mr Hay, from Knight Frank. "I think it's because there's an air of optimism in America, with a new government and new legislation. And I think British buyers are disillusioned with the UK. They want to back a strengthening economy."

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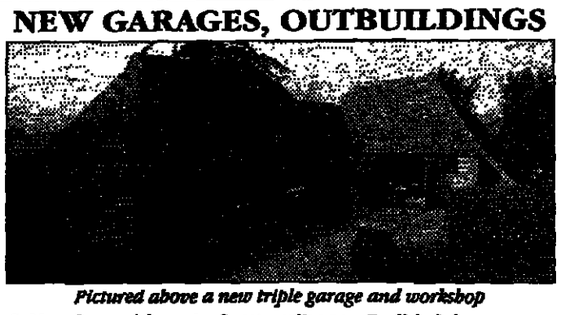
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Scientists suspect respiratory virus responsible for Scandinavian tragedy

Orienteering deaths leave Swedes at loss

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND DAVID BARTAL

SWEDEN, the land of lakes and forests, long-distance running and cross-country skiing, has to solve a tragic sporting mystery: why have 15 young orienteers died since 1979, seven of them in the last 3½ years, having lived or trained in the same area?

The Swedish Federation of Orienteering is so worried by the alarming pattern of results of medical tests carried out on 3,000 of the 140,000 competitors that it has withdrawn its ski orienteering team from international meetings this winter. A ban has also been put on intensive training for both foot and ski orienteering until mid-June.

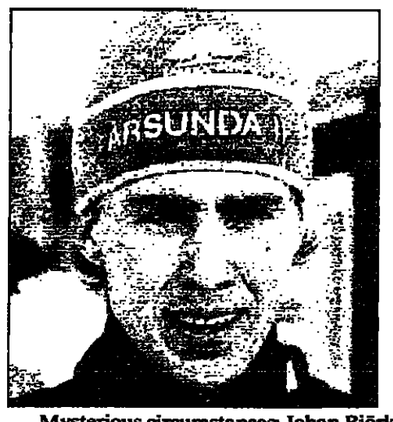
Medical tests were carried out at Uppsala hospital because of the spate of deaths, which involved orienteers who lived or trained in the Dalalven area, north of Stockholm. About 100 runners were given a complete cardiac examination and pathological irregularities were found. Blood tests carried out on 3,000 runners found nearly 50 to have antibodies against microbes of the Taiwan Acute Respiratory Infection (TWAR) virus, also know as *Chlamydia pneumonia*.

The virus, which has a long incubation period, seems to inflame the heart muscle under prolonged, intensive exercise. This theory has been reinforced by reports of similar deaths among Swedish military conscripts on field exercises. The Swedish government is so concerned at the outbreak that it has given additional funding to Uppsala hospital to continue its investigation, on which an initial report was published in *The Lancet* last August.

Research will consider why Swedish orienteers have been affected and not other Swedish competitors in equally demanding disciplines such as long-distance running.

The Swedish federation suspended domestic competition when Melker Karlsson, 24, collapsed and died after a training run in November. He trained in the Dalalven region. Mats Larsson, 45, who lived at Skutskar, and Johan Björkman, 26, from Arsunda, also died last year.

Orienteers from Skinnskatteberg, Svardsjö, Gavle and Surahammar have died in the last five years, and seven others who trained in the Dalalven region have also died since 1979.





Mysterious circumstances: Johan Björkman, 26, one of three orienteers from the Dalalven region of Sweden, right, to have died in the past year

TWAR is not unique to Sweden. In Finland, five cases of heart inflammation have been reported by researchers at the University of Helsinki.

The source of the disease is not known. Dr Christer Johansson, senior physician for the national team and federation, said: "We do not know if the disease comes from ticks or perhaps from something else. However, we strongly believe that it contaminates from person to person." He was unsure why it affected Swedish orienteers, and not competitors in other sports.

Dr Lesley Kay, a consultant haematologist at the Medical Diagnostic Laboratories in London, said: "This sounds like one of the slow viruses that we are beginning to recognise. It may be something to do with the environment in which the orienteers live and train."

She added that that the outbreak was "slightly reminiscent" of how legionnaires' disease was discovered. Although bacillus in the air conditioning had been present for years, it became manifest only when a group of susceptible individuals were together.

Dr Ken Kingsbury, who has advised many of Britain's athletics and judo medal winners, and Dr Dan Tunstall-Pedoe, official medical adviser to the London marathon, have both stressed that, even after recovering from a common viral complaint like flu, athletes must check that their pulse rate does not rise higher than normal.

"Competitors who suffer a post-viral or post-bacterial state, when the effects of an infection are still remaining, are likely to have a much higher, and even irregular, pulse-rate when resting and training," Kingsbury said. "It can go up to between 150 and 160 [beats per minute], even with mild exertion, when usually they can cruise along at 140."

Ake Jacobsson, the Swedish federation's chairman, discounted the widespread suspicion that the deaths might have been caused by blood-doping or by taking erythropoietin, because it is respiratory infection.

However, detecting the disease is a problem. Jacobsson added: "It can take two months before you get ill and you may not even feel anything. The tests are not even 100 per cent careful."

The deaths have provoked scientific controversy in Sweden. Speculation about the disease has cost the health authorities thousands of pounds and time taken up by concerned people wanting to be tested.

BOXING

Bowe ropes Dokes into first defence at his Garden party

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

WHILE Lennox Lewis anxiously waits to hear the results of the initial bids to stage the first defence of his World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title, and whether he will box in London or Las Vegas, Riddick Bowe, his arch-rival, is looking forward to his homecoming.

Whereas Lewis must face the WBC No. 1, Tony Tucker, in April, the Brooklyn-born World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion makes his first defence, at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, against Michael Dokes, a contender at the bottom of the top ten and former drug addict still in the process of rehabilitation.

Everything in the garden appears to be rosy for Bowe. "I already fulfilled one of my biggest childhood dreams when I rode on a float in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade," he said. "And now, by fighting in front of my family and friends at Madison Square Garden, I'm fulfilling another."

He has signed lucrative contracts with HBO, the leading American cable network, ITV and Fila, a sportswear company. He has even espoused causes in South Africa and Somalia.

Yet Bowe seems a little troubled. Recently, he asked his 81-year-old trainer, Eddie Futch, a significant question: "Papa Smurf, they told me that when I won the title I will feel different. When will I feel different?" Futch replied: "I hope you stay as you are right now." The trainer told an American reporter: "Usually, when I am wrapping his hands and nobody's around, nobody nearby, he says things to me that are really in here." Futch touched his heart.

Bowe will find no peace while he keeps on avoiding Lewis, who defeated him in two rounds in the Olympic Games in Seoul. "I'm not ducking anyone," Bowe said. But he and Rock Newman, his manager, never stop deriding the British champion.

"Make no mistake," Newman said, "if Lewis wants to fight Riddick Bowe, he must renounce the WBC belt. Riddick will never fight for the WBC belt." Reminding everybody that Bowe threw the belt in a garbage can in London, Newman said: "You know what we call Lennox? Top Cat." Newman had forgotten that Top Cat, even if living out of garbage cans, was the leader of the gang.

But of more immediate concern to Bowe is Futch's health. A week ago, Futch was taken to hospital, for the second time, because of a heart condition. The great man is out again and back at Bowe's side. Newman said he has tried to keep Futch away from the corner on Saturday, but the trainer has refused.

"He has asked the doctors to give him something strong to help him," Newman said. The best medicine for Futch would be a quick ending on Saturday. Bowe has promised to see to that.

☐ Frank Maloney, Lennox Lewis's manager, said in London yesterday that the prospect of a meeting between Lewis and Frank Bruno had moved "a lot closer — possibly at the end of this year or the early part of next".

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Making his point: Chris Eubank, above, denied yesterday that his next world title challenger, Lindell Holmes, of the United States, was another carefully-chosen soft touch. The WBO super-middleweight champion, 26 and unbeaten in 34 contests, makes a voluntary defence against Holmes, 35, at Olympia, London, on February 20. Holmes, is a former IBF champion.

Hodkinson maps out defeat for Cepeda

BY BRYAN STILES

THE "General" looks ready to go to war, but he does not worry Paul Hodkinson, the World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight champion, who has already written him off as a casualty in a ten-fight battle plan.

Ricardo Cepeda, dubbed "General" because he struts around the Bronx in New York in battle fatigues and army boots, turned up in uniform for the press conference to publicise their title clash tonight at Olympia, London.

Hodkinson was not impressed. He sees Cepeda, who was born in Puerto Rico, as just another notch on his world title belt. He is aiming for 11 or 12 notches before he surrenders his crown, in an effort to gain the recognition he craves.

Hodkinson is upset that the publicity spotlight has not been turned on him enough since he captured the world title from Marcos Villasana 15 months ago. He has defended it twice.

Cepeda has not put together such an impressive record as Hodkinson, but should prove a lively handful in the early rounds. He said he will be targetting the suspect area around Hodkinson's eyes.

The grotesque swelling which closed the Liverpudlian's eyes when he made his first attempt to defeat Villasana for the title have left a lasting memory.

Barney Eastwood, Hodkinson's manager, is convinced that he has found the answer to the problem. The corner men press ice packs to the boxer's eyes during the intervals and it has worked in his last three contests. If it works tonight, Hodkinson should retain his title.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Sanchez restores family pride

AFTER the recent disastrous series of defeats experienced by his brother Emilio, Javier Sanchez restored family pride by beating Anders Jarryd in straight sets at the Dubai Open tennis tournament yesterday (Alix Ramsay writes).

Jarryd came to Dubai on a wild card having beaten Boris Becker at the Australian Open only to withdraw injured in his second round match against Todd Woodbridge. The luck is not running with the Swede. Yesterday he started well in each set, took early leads only to watch Sanshez climb back to win 7-6, 6-3.

With so little between the two men it took only a couple of ill-timed errors to tip the balance and Jarryd was the one who made them. Jarryd looked increasingly frustrated while Sanchez played safe and hung on to his lead. His next task is to motivate Emilio for their partcipation in the doubles challenge.

Scottish attempt

HOCKEY: Scotland's attempt to return to the world stage begins today when they play Malaysia in Cairo. Victory in the series of three internationals will secure the Scots a place in the Inter-Continental cup in Poland in August, when places in the World Cup in Australia will be at stake. Scotland, who have been away from the international stage for four years, take on one of the top eight teams in the world. The problem position in the Scottish attack looks to have been overcome by the inclusion of John Mills.

England aspirations

RUGBY UNION: Last season England B sustained pressure on the senior side by completing their own grand slam. This season, though now as an A team, their ambition is stoked by a summer tour to North America and vacancies beckoning in the five nations' side. "There will be a lot of England players in New Zealand with the Lions this summer." John Hall, who captains England A against Italy at Bath tonight, said. "The majority of this side could be taken to the USA and Canada. There is a lot to play for."

Manchester chosen

TRIATHLON: Manchester has been chosen to stage the fifth world championships, on August 22, following the unexpected withdrawal by the German Triathlon Union, which was to host the event at Nuremberg. The main race of the championships, which are being supported by the Manchester 2000 Olympic bid committee, features an open-water 1,500 metres swim, a 40-kilometre cycle ride over hilly terrain, passing through Bolton, then a ten-kilometre road race in Manchester city centre.

Moxon dominant



CRICKET: Martyn Moxon (right), the England A captain, scored an excellent 123 in almost five hours against the Australian Capital Territory in Canberra yesterday to steer his side to a commanding 326 for five at the close of the first day's play. Moxon shared a 128-run partnership with Jack Russell, who was 60 not out, at a run a minute. Moxon reached his century by hooking a short ball from Ken McLeod for six.

Muggeridge withdraws

BADMINTON: Jo Muggeridge, the top women's seed, has pulled out of the BVC English national championships, which start on Friday in Norwich, for the second year in succession. She has not recovered from a virus contracted at the Korean Open two weeks ago. Fiona Smith, the second seed, becomes favourite to win the women's singles for the seventh time in ten years. Darren Hall attempts to take the men's title for a sixth time, which would beat the record he shares with his cousin and coach, Ray Stevens.

Austin returns

TENNIS: Tracy Austin, the former world No. 1, now 30, has decided to take up her racket one more time. The American will play in the Evert Cup, which starts at Indian Wells, California on February 22. Bjorn Borg, who made his comeback last year, won a set but lost 6-4, 6-7, 6-4 to Jaime Oncins, of Brazil, in the San Francisco ATP tournament.

Cranston called up

Ice hockey: Alex Dampier, the Great Britain coach, has named a squad of 28 players for games against Norway and France before the world championships in Eindhoven next month (Norman de Mesquita writes). Tim Cranston, who has not played domestically since being released by Durham Wasps in November, is a surprise choice.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte Hornets 112, Seattle SuperSonics 100; Chicago Bulls 96, Utah Jazz 92; Milwaukee Bucks 116, Golden State Warriors 102; New Jersey Nets 115, Dallas Mavericks 96; Orlando Magic 119, Sacramento Kings 115

CRICKET

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad: Red Stripe Cup (four days): Trinidad and Tobago 220 and 193, Windward Islands 315 and 99-1. Windward Islands won by 9 wkts

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates: Sharjah Trophy (one-day): Sri Lanka 180-9 (46 overs; A P Gurusinha 90; Wasim Akram 4-24); Pakistan 181-2 (40.2 overs) (Ramiz Raja 73, Saeed Anwar 55). Pakistan won by 8 wkts

CYCLING

COPENHAGEN: Six day race: Leading positions (after fourth night): 1, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (GB), 202pts; 2, J Veggerby and R Sorensen (Den), at 1 lap, 281; 3, E de Wilde (Bel) and P Bincoletto (It), 1, 194; 4, U Freuler and K Betschan (Switz), 2, 181; 5, P Carrara (Den) and W Stutz (Switz), 2, 120.

GRAND PRIX DE LA MARSEILLAISE: 1, D Rous (Fr), 3hr 18min 40sec; 2, E Seigneur (Fr), same time; 3, A De las Cuevas (Fr), at 10sec; 4, C Mottet (Fr), 5, T Gouvenou (Fr), 6, F Moreau (Fr), all same time

FOOTBALL

Late results on Monday

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 4, Luton 0; Chelsea 2, Bristol City 3; Millwall 0, Crystal Palace 2. Second division: Postponed: Torquay v Plymouth.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leicester 2, Rotherham 2. Second division: Mansfield 1, Blackpool 0.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Afan Lido 1, Aberystwyth 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton Town 6, Dawlish Town 0.

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GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (GB), 23.24pts, 2, F Couples (US), 16.36; 3, I Woosnam (GB), 13.14; 4, J M Olazábal (Sp), 12.87; 5, B Langer (Ger), 12.67; 6, G Norman (Aus), 12.54; 7, N Price (Zim), 12.11; 8, D Love III (US), 11.97; 9, J Cook (US), 11.19; 10, P Azinger (US), 10.84.

UNITED STATES RYDER CUP STANDINGS: 1, J Cook, 657.500pts; 2, F Couples, 635.500; 3, D Love, 555.000; 4, T Kite, 530.000; 5, P Azinger, 418.417; 6, M O'Meara, 406.250; 7, C Pavin, 392.500; 8, L Janzen, 377.143; 9, J Gallagher, 362.500; 10, J Sluman, 360.833; 11, J Maggert, 332.500; 12, B Fexon, 323.333; 13, K Clearwater, 314.168; 14, D Forsman, 308.833; 15, R Floyd, 307.500 (top ten qualify, plus two wild cards).

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge University 6, Royal Navy 1, Oxford University 1, RAF 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): NY Rangers 4, NY Islanders 4; Ottawa Senators 4, Winnipeg Jets 4; St Louis Blues 1, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Tampa Bay Lightning 5, San Jose Sharks 4; Minnesota North Stars 5, Vancouver Canucks 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Widnes 24, St Helens 14.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Cancelled: Bath v Neath.

SKIING

QUEBEC: Freestyle World Cup: Men's aerials: 1, P Laroche (Can), 208.49pts; 2, T Worthington (US), 202.02; 3, L Langlois (Can), 198.93. British position: 14, R Cobbing, 167.12. Women's aerials: 1, L Cheryazova (Uzbekistan), 170.73; 2, C Brand (Switz), 162.24; 3, S Cogan (US), 147.56. British position: 16, J Curry, 83.99.

ALTENMARKT ZAUCHENSEE, Austria: British Services International championships: Men's downhill: 1, A Patscheider (It), 1min 24.37secs; 2, D Novikov (Russ), 1:26.46; 3, B Kamser (Ger), 1:26.58; 4, I Vishnyakov (Russ), 1:27.61; 5, A Nazarov (Russ), 1:28.34. Others: 11, S Zvaginzov (Army), 1:30.68; 14, C Bonnington (RAF), 1:31.74; 15, I Dryden (Army), 1:32.56. Women's special slalom: 1, C Strong (Navy), 2:01.76, 2, J Shenton (Army), 2:02.00; 3, J Davidson (RAF), 2:02.04; 4, K McIntosh (RAF), 2:07.69; 5, H Vincent (RAF), 2:08.84.

SQUASH

WOMEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1, M Martin (Aus); 2, M Le Moignan (Eng); 3, C Jackman (Eng); 4, S Wright (Eng); 5, L Opie (Eng); 6, S Horner (Eng); 7, L Irving (Aus); 8, H Wallace (Can); 9, S FitzGerald (Aus); 10, F Geaves (Eng).

TENNIS

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J Courier (US), 3,657pts; 2, S Edberg (Swe), 3,271; 3, P Sampras (US), 3,358; 4, B Becker (Ger), 2,751; 5, G Ivanisevic (Cro), 2,716; 6, M Chang (US), 2,373; 7, P Korda (Cz), 2,250; 8, I Lendl (US), 1,887; 9, A Agassi (US), 1,852; 10, G Forget (Fr), 1,698. British: 114, J Bates, 378; 167, C Wilkinson, 236; 243, C Bailey, 125; 248, M Petchey, 120; 336, S Cole, 68; 459, A Foster, 34; 498, A Richardson, 29; 517, D Sapsford, 27; 548, N Gould, 23; 582, A Castle, 20.

WTA rankings: 1, M Seles (Yug); 2, S Graf (Ger); 3, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 4, G Sabatini (Arg); 5, M Navratilova (US); 6, C Capriati (US); 7, M J Fernandez (US); 8, C Martinez (Sp); 9, J Novotna (Cz); 10, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz).

MARSEILLES: Men's tournament: First round: A Thorns (Ger) bt T Guardiola (Fr), 7-6, 6-1; G Raoux (Fr) bt S Pescosolido (It), 6-4, 6-3; G Pozzi (It) bt D Nargiso (It), 1-6, 7-5, 7-6; R Gilbert (Fr) bt L Roux (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; H Holm (Swe) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 7-5, 6-7, 7-6.

SAN FRANCISCO: Men's tournament: First round: J Morgan (Aus) bt T Martin (US), 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; R Weiss (US) bt S Youl (Aus), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; J Onclins (Br) bt B Borg (Swe), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; M Ondruska (SA) bt J Palmer (US), 6-1, 6-4; G Muller (SA) bt S Stolle (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; P McEnroe (US) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bt J Szark (US), 6-2, 7-6.

YOKOHAMA: Toray Pan Pacific women's indoor tournament: First round: M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt M Jaggerd-Lal (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; N Tauziat (Fr) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; A Temesvari-Trunkos (Hun) bt L Allen (US), 7-6, 6-4; M Maleeva (Bul) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; M Navratilova (US) bt A Sugiyama (Japan), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; Y Kamio (Japan) bt Shi-Ting Wang (Tai), 6-7, 6-2, 6-3, J Novotna (Cz) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan), 6-0, 6-1; K Boogert (Holl) bt R Stubbs (Aus), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

NEWCASTLE: LTA women's satellite tournament: First round: S Parkhomenko (Russ) bt S Tse (toM), 6-0, 6-0; C Hunt (Dorset) bt L Woodroffe (Surrey), 6-4, 1-0 ret; G Coorengel (Holl) bt S Boulding (York), 6-0, 6-1; T Obziler (Isr) bt C Stassen (Holl), 6-1, 6-1; A Stidot (Fr) bt J Pullin (Sussex), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; K Cross (Devon) bt A Moll (Pol), 6-3, 6-3; S Plaschke (Austria) bt K Patrikova (Cz), 6-3, 6-4; P Piontkowski (US) bt E Nortje (Nam), 6-1, 6-4; P Rajtzova (Cz) bt A Smith (Staffs), 6-4, 6-0; J Dubcova (Cz) bt J Salmon (Sussex), 7-5, 6-2; V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs) bt C Kaylor (Oxford), 5-7, 6-2, 7-6; L Jelfs (Oxford) bt K Warne-Holland (Cheshire), 6-4, 6-0; L Zeltz (Isr) bt M Wainwright (Essex), 6-2, 6-2.

AUCKLAND: Women's tournament: First round: K Kschwendt (Ger) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-0, 6-1; J Richardson (NZ) bt N van Lotrum (Holl), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; C Wood (GB) bt S Hack (Ger), 6-2, 7-6; C Kuhlman (US) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-4, 6-3; G Helgeson (US) bt J Faull (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; N Ercegovic (Croatia) bt M Javer (GB), 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

DUBAI: Men's tournament: First round: J Sánchez (Sp) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 6-3; T Muster (Austria) bt N Pereira (Ven), 6-4, 6-2; M Aurelio Gontz (Sp) bt B Black (Zim), 7-5, 3-6, 7-5; C Steeb (Ger) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; F Santoro (Fr) bt F Montana (US), 7-5, 6-0.

ATHLETICS

MOSCOW: Indoor meeting: Women's 50m: I Privalova (Russ), 6.05sec (world record).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup

Fourth round replays

Leeds v Arsenal (7.45) .....
Middlesbrough v Notts Forest (7.45)
Newcastle v Rotherham (all ticket, 7.45) .....
Wimbledon v Aston Villa (8.0).....

Coca-Cola Cup

Fifth round replay

Sheffield Wed v Ipswich (7.45) .....

Anglo-Italian Cup

Semi-final, second leg

First leg score in brackets

Derby (4) v Brentford (3) (7.45) .....

SEMI-FINAL: First leg: Cremonese v Bari.

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston v Dagenham and Redbridge .....

Scottish League

Premier division

Celtic v St Johnstone .....
Dundee v Hearts .....

First division

Meadowbank v St Mirren .....

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Notts County (7.0); Bolton v Stoke (7.0); Manchester City v Blackburn (6.45). Postponed: Leeds v Sunderland. Second division: Hull v Coventry; Port Vale v Grimsby (7.0); West Bromwich v Huddersfield (7.0); York v Scunthorpe (7.0); Preston v Burnley (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Tottenham (7.15), Charlton v Ipswich (7.0), Oxford United v Fulham; Southampton v Norwich. Second division: Cardiff v Yeovil (7.0); Exeter v Plymouth (7.0), Swansea v Birmingham, Torquay v Cheltenham (2.0)

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Blackpool Mechanics v Blackpool Rovers; Chadderton v Mane Road (Man); Newcastle Town v Eastwood Hanley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Evesham v Redditch. Southern division: Poole v Erith and Belvedere.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham v Mangotsfield; Salisbury v Bristol Manor Farm. Les Phillips Cup: Bridport v Frome Town; Torrington v Barnstable.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Accrington Stanley v Barrow; Warrington v Whitley Bay; Winsford v Hyde.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v Holbeach.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS CUP: Preliminary round: Ruislip Manor v Ranham Town

RUGBY UNION

A International

England v Italy (at Bath RFC, 7.15).....

Representative matches

Cambridge University v The Army (3.0) .....

Cornwall v Royal Navy (at St Austell, 7.0) .....
London Irish v RAF (7.30) .....

CANCELLED: Oxford University v Oxford.

CLUB MATCH: Nuneaton v Rugby (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship

First division

Bradford v Hull (7.30) .....
Wigan v Wakefield (7.30) .....

THIRD DIVISION: Postponed: Whitehaven v Blackpool.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL CUP: Men: Semi-final, second legs: Thames Valley v Guildford (9.0); Worthing v Leicester (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBC featherweight championship: Paul Hodkinson (Sheffield) v Ricardo Cepeda (P Rico) (at Olympia).

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite (Newcastle).

WORDWATCHING

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IDDINGSITE

(b) A red-brown to orange-brown silicate of calcium, magnesium, and trivalent iron having an indefinite composition and formed as an alteration product of olivine, eponym of the American geologist Joseph P. Iddings (1857-1920): "The common characteristic of all faces of these eruptive rocks is the presence, as a phenocryst, of a mineral which has received but little attention. The most extended and satisfactory note that has yet appeared regarding it is by Prof. J. P. Iddings. For this reason and also in recognition of Professor Iddings's eminent services to the science of petrography, it is proposed to name the mineral iddingsite."

CONCHER

(b) One who ladles chocolate into a concher-machine, a machine having shell-like appliances which work the chocolate and keep it plastic, from the French *conche* a shell: "When you make chocolate you have to conche it. This means mixing and kneading it in a special machine for a very long time, even days on end, to develop its smoothness and flavour."

SLEEPER

(a) To mark (a calf) with a notch in his ear: 1910. C. E. Mulford *Hopalong Cassidy*: "Either the H² was sleepering Bar-20 calves for their irons later on, or rustlers were at work." Also to travel in a railway sleeping-car: "Beauregard was off on the overnight sleeper to London. 'Flying visit. Back in the morning. Sleepering both ways'."

REINGA

(a) Maori afterworld. In Maori tradition, the place where departed spirits make their way into the next world: hence, the land of departed spirits. From the Maori for "place of leaping". "The natives in the north of the island still point out the cliff from which the spirits [of the dead] made their descent into the sea on their way back to the Island of Hawaii, from whence their forefathers came."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The thrust 1 d6! destroys the black defences. 1 ...Qxd6 2 Qf3+ and 3 Qxf7+ winning quickly.

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Handicapper officially drops Aintree factor from calculation of weights



Weighty task: Party Politics, trying to become the first since Red Rum to win successive Grand Nationals, has been allotted 11st 2lb

National's special status reduced

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE Martell Grand National yesterday officially lost part of the special status which has contributed to it being regarded as the most famous steeplechase in the world.

For the first time for decades, the Aintree factor, which automatically resulted in horses being penalised with extra weight for running well in previous Nationals, has been disregarded by Christopher Mordaunt, the Jockey Club handicapper who draws up the weights for the race.

The reason for the change is simple. Modifications in recent years to Aintree's once formidable fences, notably to Becher's in 1990, mean the National is no longer "the toughest test ever devised for man and horse".

To be blunt, the Grand National has been reduced to just another long-distance handicap chase. The unique demands posed by the infamous fences are history.

When Party Politics won last year, there were only three fallers; three horses who unseated their riders and 22 of the 44 starters completed the race — just one short of the 1984 record.

The fundamental change in the status of the National should not be decried. Aintree has reacted sensibly to shifts in public opinion. Racing could no longer afford adverse publicity from the injuries and fatalities which flowed from falls witnessed by more than 16 million TV viewers in Britain and hundreds of millions around the globe.

In the past, Mordaunt has given previous National winners 10lb extra to carry because of the supposed Aintree factor.

He explained his new philosophy yesterday, saying: "It appears the form of last year's race is not different at all from the form of other prestigious long-distance races. Every horse's weight this year will mirror their official ratings published next week.

"In previous years, there was reason to believe that what Aintree form there was, was paramount. There was definitely a group of horses whose Aintree form was in advance of anything they showed round park courses. That is no longer the case. I have not ignored the Aintree factor — I don't think there is an Aintree factor."

Not surprisingly, Mordaunt's verdict met with approval from trainers, including Toby Balding, who plans to run the top weight, Cool Ground, and Romany King, who was second at Liverpool last year and looks handily weighted on 10st 7lb.

"This year, Romany King has been aimed specifically at the National," Balding said. "He will have a sharpener at Newbury next Saturday and then go for the Racing Post Chase at Kempton."

Romany King, who will run off the same mark as when he won at Exeter earlier in the season, has a first-rate chance and is the bookmakers' market leader.

Zeta's Lad also holds an outstanding chance off 10st 4lb. Unbeaten this year, John Upson's chaser won the Thyestes Chase at Gowran Park last month. However, Upson is far from certain to run him at Aintree and may go for the Irish National instead.

Party Politics, last year's winner, has been given 11st 2lb, but has shown little form since his Aintree triumph.

"We have had our problems this year," Nick Gaselee, his trainer, said. "He broke a blood vessel on Saturday and the ground has been against him this season. We will keep our fingers crossed and hope to have him right on the day. If the ground is good, I am sure he will run well."

HOW THEY BET

LADBROKES: 14-1 Romany King, 25-1 Cool Ground, Captain Dibble, Chatam, Riverside Boy, Garrison Savannah, Laura's Beau, Zeta's Lad, 33-1 Party Politics, Blitzkreig, Cahervillahow, Henry Mann, Just So, Kildimo, Kings Fountain, Latent Talent, River Tarquin, Royal Athlete, Twin Oaks, Willsford, 40-1 bar.

HILLS: 16-1 Romany King, 20-1 Captain Dibble, 25-1 Gambling Royal, Party Politics, Brown Windsor, Cool Ground, Garrison Savannah, Kildimo, Laura's Beau, Zeta's Lad, Black Humour, Henry Mann, Tinryland, Twin Oaks, 33-1 Blitzkreig, Cahervillahow, Call Collect, Chatam, Elfast, Four Trix, Kings Fountain, Latent Talent, Mutare, Nick The Brief, River Tarquin, Riverside Boy, Royal Athlete, Von Csadek, Willsford, 40-1 bar.

CORALS: 16-1 Romany King, 20-1 Captain Dibble, 25-1 Party Politics, Kildimo, Brown Windsor, Cahervillahow, Laura's Beau, Riverside Boy, Twin Oaks, 33-1 Black Humour, Blitzkreig, Call Collect, Chatam, Four Trix, Kings Fountain, Merry Master, Otterburn House, River Tarquin, Royal Athlete, Stay On Tracks, Willsford, Zeta's Lad, 40-1 bar.

MARTELL GRAND NATIONAL WEIGHTS

Quirinus (K Morgan) 11-11-10
Cool Ground (G Balding) 11-11-10
Garrison Savannah (Mrs J Pitman) 10-11-8
Chatam (M Pipe) 9-11-7
Party Politics (N Gaselee) 9-11-2
Kings Fountain (K Bailey) 10-11-1
Minnehoma (M Pipe) 10-11-0
Twin Oaks (G Richards) 13-10-12
Cahervillahow (M Morris, Ire) 9-10-11
Blitzkreig (E O'Grady, Ire) 10-10-10
Norton's Coin (S Griffiths) 12-10-9
Captain Dibble (N Twiston-Davies) 8-10-8
Romany King (G Balding) 9-10-7
Nick The Brief (J Upson) 11-10-4
Royal Athlete (Mrs J Pitman) 10-10-4
Zeta's Lad (J Upson) 10-10-4
River Tarquin (J Dreaper, Ire) 9-10-4
Brown Windsor (N Henderson) 11-10-4
Von Csadek (D Worrall, US) 11-10-3
Mutare (N Henderson) 8-10-3
Joyful Noise (A Jarvis) 10-10-1
Tinryland (N Henderson) 9-10-1
Laura's Beau (F Berry, Ire) 9-10-0
Jamalade (V Bowens, Ire) 7-10-0
Roc De Prince (T Walsh, Ire) 10-10-0
Henry Mann (S Christian) 10-9-13
Riverside Boy (M Pipe) 10-9-13
Gambling Royal (D Nicholson) 10-9-13
Bonanza Boy (M Pipe) 12-9-13
Elfast (J Webber) 10-9-13
On The Twist (F Murphy) 11-9-12
Sure Metal (D McCain) 10-9-12
The Committee (H Scott, Ire) 10-9-11
Willsford (Mrs J Pitman) 10-9-8
Black Humour (C Brooks) 9-9-8
The Gooser (P Mullins, Ire) 10-9-7
Latent Talent (S Sherwood) 9-9-7
Kilbenon (C Trietline) 11-9-7
Rowlandsons Jewels (D M Smith) 12-9-7
Kildimo (Mrs S Smith) 13-9-5
New Mill House (A Moore, Ire) 10-9-4
Merry Master (R Armytage) 9-9-3
Call Collect (M Pipe) 12-9-3
Howe Street (H Johnson) 10-9-3
David's Duky (A Reid) 11-9-3
Pharoah's Laen (Mrs J Pitman) 12-9-2
Wont Be Gone Long (N Henderson) 11-9-1
Esha Ness (Mrs J Pitman) 10-9-1
Fifth Amendment (Mrs F Walwyn) 8-9-1
Just So (H Cole) 10-9-1
Yahoo (B Heffernan) 12-9-1
File Concord (Mrs J Pitman) 9-9-1
On The Other Hand (J Mulhern, Ire) 10-9-0
Travel Over (R Lee) 12-9-0
Otterburn House (Jimmy Fitzgerald) 9-9-0
Givus A Buck (D Elsworth) 10-8-13
Nos Na Gaoithe (M H Easterby) 10-8-12
Four Trix (G Richards) 12-8-12
Rawhide (M Morris, Ire) 9-8-12
Golden Freeze (Mrs J Pitman) 11-8-12
Stay On Tracks (P Cheesbrough) 11-8-12
Team Challenge (Mrs J Pitman) 11-8-12
Ali Jeff (C Brooks) 9-8-12
Grand Habit (H de Bromhead, Ire) 9-8-11
City Entertainer (D McCain) 12-8-11
Western Legend (P Nicholls) 9-8-11
Field Conqueror (M Bradstock) 12-8-11
Paco's Boy (M Pipe) 8-8-11
Bonsai Bud (D Murray Smith) 10-8-9
Our Nobby (D Elsworth) 11-8-9
Sea Island (M Pipe) 9-8-8
Vulgan Warrior (S Christian) 11-8-7
Formula One (J Edwards) 11-8-7
Market Mover (D Hughes, Ire) 7-8-7
Goodshot Rich (C Brooks) 9-8-7
Blood Blues (A Turnell) 11-8-7
Monumental Lad (Mrs H Parrott) 10-8-5
Senator Snugfit (M W Easterby) 8-8-5
Envopak Token (G Humphrey) 12-8-5
Old Applejack (H Johnson) 13-8-3
Skipping Tim (M Pipe) 14-8-2
Mr Boston (R Woodhouse) 8-8-2
Mister Ed (R Curtis) 10-8-1
Targogan's Best (B Lunness) 13-8-1
He Who Dares Wins (P Cheesbrough) 10-8-1
Trusty Friend (J Edwards) 11-8-1
Farm Week (G Balding) 11-8-0
Interim Lib (Mrs S Bradburne) 10-8-0
Direct (J Edwards) 10-8-0
Double Turn (D Harding-Jones) 12-7-13
Boreen Owen (J J O'Neill) 9-7-13
Royle Speedmaster (O Sherwood) 9-7-12
False Economy (J Edwards) 8-7-12
Obie's Train (M Pipe) 7-7-11
Smooth Escort (Mrs D Haine) 9-7-11
Over The Deal (P Cheesbrough) 7-7-11
Wrekin Hill (P Cheesbrough) 11-7-11
Sirrah Jay (G Balding) 13-7-10

Dubious Jake, Leap Field, Proplus, Who's Fooling Who entered but not qualified

(To be run over over 4m 4f at Aintree on Saturday, April 3)

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

1.20 The Glow. 1.50 Pete's Sake. 2.20 Mr Invader. 2.50 Clever Shepherd. 3.20 Boogie Bopper. 3.50 OK Corral. 4.20 ZEALOUS KITTEN (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 UNDER OFFER.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

1.20 BROCAS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m) (17 runners)

1 -021 BALZAC BOY 20 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-10 M Pitman
2 0 BEACH BUM 20 Mrs J Young 7-11-3 R Beggan
3 BOYCOTT S Sherwood 6-11-3 G Upton
4 BUCKELIGHT T Forster 5-11-3 R Farrant (5)
5 COUNTRY RAMBLER P Hobbs 5-11-3 Peter Hobbs
6 U DIVINE CHANCE 6 N Gaselee 5-11-3 D Murphy
7 -406 FEARLESS FRED 20 Mrs J Retter 6-11-3 M A Fitzgerald
8 05 PIONEER PETE 8 R Frost 6-11-3 J Frost
9 P- RECEIVE DOUBLE 301 Mrs S Williams 6-11-3 N Williamson
10 325 SEA PATROL 26 (BF) M Pipe 6-11-3 M Foster
11 0-6 SLIPPERTON 48 D Sherwood 6-11-3 J Osborne
12 P-0 STOP ON RED 20 A Chamberlain 6-11-3 A Webb
13 2253 THE GLOW 13 D Elsworth 5-11-3 P Holley
14 06 WEE WILLIE DICKINS 74 S Mellor 6-11-3 M Perrett
15 232 CHAPEL HILL 39 A Turnell 5-10-12 S McNeill
16 0-04 SYLVIA BEACH 33 (S) P Murphy 7-10-12 E Murphy
17 00 MASTER MURPHY 20 P Murphy 4-10-7 W McFarland

7-4 The Glow, 9-4 Balzac Boy, 9-2 Sea Patrol, 7-1 Chapel Hill, 8-1 Slipperton, Boycott, Country Rambler, Sylvia Beach, 16-1 others.

1.50 OAKSIDE NOVICES CHASE (£2,251: 3m) (10)

1 13P6 NOUGAT RUSSE 14 (D,G) N Twiston-Davies 12-11-11 D Bridgwater
2 3133 LETTERFORE 15 (S) J Upson 6-11-6 Mr T Byrne (7)
3 PP-P BLAKENGTON 8 N Mitchell 7-11-5 G Upton
4 2-P3 PETE'S SAKE 72 N Henderson 8-11-5 R Dunwoody
5 0-54 SINGING SPEAR 9 G Humphrey 8-11-5 Peter Hobbs
6 -P2U TANGLED STRING 11 C Elsey 9-11-5 A Maguire
7 PP-P VATACAN BANK 18 (B) O Sherwood 8-11-5 J Osborne
8 6-FP VICTORY GATE 33 (G) A Moore 8-11-5 G Moore
9 04-4 ALLYFAIR 18 Mrs J Retter 8-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
10 -4F2 PROUD POINT 29 Mrs P Duffield 6-11-0 P Holley

9-4 Letterfore, 7-2 Pete's Sake, 5-1 Tangled String, 6-1 Vatacan Bank, 8-1 Allyfair, Nougat Russe, 12-1 Proud Point, 16-1 others.

2.20 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,822: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

1 P0 NODDYS EXPRESS 27 R Buckler 8-12-0 J Neaves (7)
2 0411 NICKLUP 49 (S) T Forster 6-11-10 H Davies
3 P-00 WESTERN DANCER 13 C Horgan 12-11-9 R Beggan
4 0030 WOODSIDE HEATH 29 J Moore 6-11-7 P Moore (7)
5 30-6 GREY HUSSAR 26 N Henderson 7-11-5 R Dunwoody
6 3R20 ACROSS THE CARD 102 A Moore 5-11-2 G Moore
7 00-0 MR INVADER 33 N Gaselee 6-11-0 D Murphy
8 -055 LOUIS FARRELL 8 (H) D Burchell 9-10-11 Mr S Blackwell
9 -0FP FORT OIANA 20 (B) P Hobbs 7-10-9 G McCourt
10 /6-0 BROWN REBEL 78 P Hobbs 7-10-4 Peter Hobbs
11 /0P CELERY RISE 15 G Humphrey 9-10-0 A Tory

11-10 Nicklup, 9-2 Grey Hussar, 11-2 Mr Invader, 6-1 Louis Farrell, 10-1 Woodside Heath, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 10 winners from 37 runners, 27.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 11 from 45, 24.4%; D Sherwood, 9 from 37, 24.3%; P Hobbs, 8 from 37, 21.6%; R Akehurst, 9 from 42, 21.4%; D Elsworth, 5 from 26, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Pitman, 8 winners from 26 rides, 30.8%; P Holley, 5 from 20, 25.0%; J Osborne, 14 from 64, 21.9%; N Williamson, 5 from 26, 19.2%; M Richards, 11 from 71, 15.5%; Peter Hobbs, 6 from 43, 14.0%.

2.50 STORACALL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,125: 3m) (14)

1 P304 MISTER ED 8 (D,F,G,S) R Curtis 10-12-0 D Morris
2 U4-P MARKET FORCES 8 (D,G,S) N Gaselee 10-11-6 M Perrett
3 -322 CLEVER SHEPHERD 12 (D,BF,F,G) P Hobbs 8-11-4 Peter Hobbs
4 11-0 DO BE BRIEF 9 (C,B,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-2 M Pitman
5 -0PF TURNBERRY DAWN 12 (D,F,G) T Hallett 11-11-2 A Webb
6 2P53 BRAVE DEFENDER 11 (CD,F,G) J White 9-10-10 N Williamson
7 R-4P ADMIRAL'S LEAP 22 (D,B,F,S) T Thomson Jones 9-10-8 H Davies
8 -4FP GUNNER STREAM 20 (D,F,G) P Murphy 9-10-6 E Murphy
9 2133 POINT MADE 47 (D,F,G,S) J Bosley 10-10-5 M Bosley
10 U-0U MICKNAVAR 9 (S) Mrs P Tetley 8-10-2 M Richards
11 -251 UNDER OFFER 5 (B,G,S) J King 12-10-2 (6ex) J Kavanagh
12 U6-6 BIRD OF SPIRIT 9 (G,S) M Scudamore 13-10-0 D Tegg
13 PP00 DANDY MINSTREL 33 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-0 D Bridgwater
14 P2P- FATHER JOHN 404 (B,F) M Muggeridge 9-10-0 M A Fitzgerald

2-1 Clever Shepherd, 7-2 Under Offer, 9-2 Do Be Brief, 7-1 Point Made, 8-1 Brave Defender, 10-1 Market Forces, 12-1 Mister Ed, 14-1 others.

3.20 BURNHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m) (22)

1 /P ALMASRIC PETE 12 G Humphrey 7-11-3 A Tory
2 CHAMBROS 665F N Twiston-Davies 6-11-3 D Bridgwater
3 0 CHINA SKY 151 R Stronge 5-11-3 L Harvey
4 3/6 DRAG ARTIST 8 M Scudamore 8-11-3 M Richards
5 EIGHTEENTHIRTYFOUR 107F A Moore 5-11-3 G Moore
6 4/-P GEBLITZT 12 J Long 9-11-3 Leesa Long (7)
7 3-12 GIVETAGO 108 (S) A Turnell 7-11-3 S McNeill
8 P-P RUTLAND WATER 28 (BF) R Akehurst 6-11-3 J Osborne
9 /0-P SALMONID 119 Miss K Allison 7-11-3 M Hourigan (3)
10 P0 SALUTING WALTER 8 I Campbell 5-11-3 R Campbell
11 3-26 SINGING DETECTIVE 13 P McEntee 6-11-3 P Holley
12 7/ UP TO ME 1860 R Flower 10-11-3 R Rowell
13 2352 VIRKON VENTURE 9 M Tompkins 5-11-3 S Smith Eccles
14 1221 BOOGIE BOPPER 15 (D,S) M Pipe 4-11-0 M Foster
15 P0 BLUSHING BELLE 7 J White 5-10-12 M A Fitzgerald
16 4P GIVE ME HOPE 68 R Price 5-10-12 D Tegg
17 ILDERTON ROAD 25F Mrs B Waring 6-10-12 N Mann
18 0/ TUESDAY BROWN 1535 P Hobbs 9-10-12 Peter Hobbs
19 0 BO KNOWS BEST 25 J Sutcliffe 4-10-7 A Maguire
20 00 CAVO GRECO 50 J Joseph 4-10-7 D Skyrme
21 6 CULTURED 48 J White 4-10-7 N Williamson
22 P640 LORD BELMONTE 9 P McEntee 4-10-7 G Upton

6-4 Boogie Bopper, 9-2 Rutland Water, 11-2 Virkon Venture, 6-1 Givetago, 7-1 Bo Knows Best, 8-1 Cultured, 12-1 others.

3.50 HOLYPORT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,204: 2m 5f) (5)

1 -335 STATELY LOVER 28 (G,S) S Sherwood 10-12-0 D Geoghegan
2 62-4 RE-RELEASE 8 (G,S) M Pipe 8-11-8 M Foster
3 5641 OK CORRAL 15 (D,F,G,S) J White 6-11-6 K Comerford
4 P342 SOCKS DOWNE 6 (CD,G,S) A Chamberlain 14-10-7 P Hide
5 /PP SEMAPHORE HILL 5 (B,F) P Hobbs 9-10-0 M Hourigan

9-4 Stately Lover, 5-2 Re-Release, 3-1 Socks Downe, 4-1 Ok Corral, 20-1 Semaphore Hill.

4.20 COPPER HORSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,021: 2m) (13)

1 212- GREYFRIARS BOBBY 321 (D,G) Mrs J Retter 7-11-10 M A Fitzgerald
2 -122 SPIRIT OF KIBRIS 27 (D,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-7 M Pitman
3 5-55 IT'S VARADAN 15 (CD,S) T Etherington 9-11-2 G McCourt
4 -531 ZEALOUS KITTEN 7 (D,S) R Price 5-11-0 (7ex) D Tegg
5 522- CLEVER DICK 400 (CD,S) A Moore 8-10-11 G Moore
6 0530 SOVEREIGN SOUND 33 (B,D,G) A Turnell 6-10-11 L Harvey
7 3464 ALWAYS READY 12 (D,G) R Lee 7-10-7 A Maguire
8 FF36 KINO 13 (D,B,G,S) S Sherwood 6-10-3 J Osborne
9 81P- BRIGADIER BILL 387 (D,F) J White 8-10-0 A Jones
10 1226 CARDINAL BIRD 13 (B,D,S) S Mellor 6-10-0 M Perrett
11 050- NACONA 300 (D,S) J King 7-10-0 J Kavanagh
12 /P AVERON 13 (CD,G,S) C Wildman 13-10-0 P Holley
13 610- CHARCOAL BURNER 298 (D,S) R Callow 8-10-0 W Irvine

4-1 Spirit Of Kibris, 9-2 Zealous Kitten, 11-2 Cardinal Bird, 6-1 Greyfriars Bobby, 8-1 Sovereign Sound, Always Ready, 10-1 It's Varadan, 12-1 Clever Dick, 14-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

1.40 Local Flyer. 2.10 Glossy. 2.40 Cosmic Dancer. 3.10 In Deep Water. 3.40 Munir. 4.10 Mizyan.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

1.40 MONSEIGNEUR JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,484: 2m) (11 runners)

1 ACT OF UNION 139F D Bell 10-12 Lorna Vincent
2 304 COSMIC FUTURE 21 S Woods 10-12 A Carroll
3 5332 KLINGON 14 R Hollinshead 10-12 Gary Lyons
4 582F LOCAL FLYER 14 J Banks 10-12 S Keightley
5 0000 MONIAIVE 49 W Clay 10-12 Diane Clay
6 2633 SWEET NOBLE 7 (BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12 M Dwyer
7 0002 TANCRED GRANGE 7 B Preece 10-12 Mr T Jenks (7)
8 05 BUCK COMTESS 26 J Jenkins 10-7 M Ahern
9 20 FARAH 80 J Turner 10-7 W Fry (7)
10 0 HANDY LASS 29 Mrs A Knight 10-7 P Niven
11 0P3 SPEEDO MOVEMENT 14 B McMahon 10-7 T Wall

3-1 Local Flyer, 4-1 Klingon, 5-1 Cosmic Future, 6-1 Tancred Grange, 8-1 others.

2.10 PRIEST SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,939: 2m) (11)

1 6300 EARLY BREEZE 14 (D,F) M McCourt 7-11-12 B Wright
2 /PP HALLBOROUGH 20 (C,V) Mrs P Barker 8-11-5 B Storey
3 -600 DRU RI'S BRU RI 7 (CD,B) W Smith 7-11-0 D Barry (7)
4 -120 SOVEREIGN NICHE 11 (D,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-11-0 P Niven
5 3/0 SILK DYNASTY 16F R Hollinshead 7-10-8 S Wynne (5)
6 3260 DARA MELODY 18 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-7 M Dwyer
7 600- NIGHT CLUB 48F (B) J Smith 9-10-2 I Lawrence
8 0430 HOT TIP 19 J Eyre 4-10-0 A Mulholland
9 6PP1 GLOSSY 11F (CD) B McMahon 6-10-0 T Wall
10 43P- GRANNY'S GIRL 336 J Harris 5-10-0 J A Harris
11 0P04 LA PEREET 7 (B,F) B Richmond 5-10-0 D Byrne

3-1 Sovereign Niche, 4-1 Glossy, 5-1 Early Breeze, 7-1 Dara Melody, Dru Ri's Bru Ri, 10-1 Night Club, 12-1 Granny Girl, 16-1 Hot Tip, 20-1 others.

2.40 VICAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,828: 2m 6f) (10)

1 0533 MASTER DANCER 22 (D,BF,G,S) M Blanshard 6-11-13 Miss S Billot
2 4P02 COSMIC DANCER 14 (CD,BF,B) S Woods 5-11-1 A Carroll
3 2306 MAGIC SECRET 14 P Bevan 5-11-0 T Eley (5)
4 5P1- MAN FROM MARS 394 (CD,F) P Hobbs 7-10-11 N Parker (7)
5 3P54 LADY REMAINDER 7 (B,G,S) B Rothwell 5-10-9 B Storey
6 823- MO ICHI DO 252 (B,F,G) Miss S Wilton 7-10-1 W Marston (3)
7 5832 SILVER STRINGS 14 (C) B Palling 13-10-0 D Gallagher
8 13-4 HAWWAR 7 (C) Mrs A King 6-10-0 M M Lynch
9 PPFF TIMBER TOPPER 12 (F) Mrs V Aconley 9-10-0 C Woodall (7)
10 333F TOP IT ALL 12 (G) M Ryan 5-10-0 J Ryan (3)

3-1 Master Dancer, 7-2 Cosmic Dancer, Silver Strings, 5-1 Mo Ichi Do, 9-1 Man From Mars, 10-1 Magic Secret, 12-1 Hawwar, 14-1 Top It All, 20-1 others.

3.10 VERGER NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,484: 3m) (10)

1 3231 IN DEEP WATER 21 (C) D White 6-11-4 P McDermott
2 0/PP BRAVE BEN 9 D Bell 8-11-2 Mr D Verco
3 P0P0 COUNTY CONTRACTOR 13 C Popham 6-11-2 S Wynne (5)
4 4208 SAFARI KEEPER 7 J Norton 7-11-2 W Fry (7)
5 6-20 TRUE DILEMMA 86 A Fowler 6-11-2 R Marley
6 5446 TRUST DEED 16 Mrs A Knight 5-11-0 P Niven
7 0 DUNEPRE 26 (B) B Murray-Smith 5-10-12 D Gallagher
8 5-00 ONE FOR THE CHIEF 2F R Whitaker 5-10-12 Mr S Swiers
9 F40P ROSATEEN 9 R Juckes 5-10-7 Gary Lyons
10 -005 CASA BELLA 7 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-5 M Dwyer

5-2 In Deep Water, 7-2 Casa Bella, 4-1 One For The Chief, 6-1 True Dilemma, 8-1 Trust Deed, 10-1 Safari Keeper, 16-1 others.

3.40 CURATE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,484: 2m 4f) (8)

1 6321 DEBT OF HONOR 26 (C,B) K Bridgwater 5-11-10 M Dwyer
2 5431 MUNIR 14 (C) J Harris 4-11-8 J A Harris
3 2562 JIM-JOE 14 N Mason 8-11-1 J Supple (7)
4 2533 FLING IN SPRING 21 J McConnochie 7-10-12 J Pullin (7)
5 0562 KHOJOHN 28 Mrs V Aconley 5-10-11 C Woodall (7)
6 3323 IT'S NOT MY FAULT 9 D Wintle 5-10-10 P McDermott
7 -P00 JOE QUALITY 7 B Preece 6-10-3 Mr T Jenks (7)
8 0002 REZA 7 J Eyre 5-10-2 A Mulholland

5-2 Munir, 4-1 Debt Of Honor, 5-1 Reza, 6-1 Khojohn, Jim-Joe, 8-1 Fling In Spring, It's Not My Fault, 20-1 Joe Quality.

4.10 BISHOP HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,844: 2m 2f) (11)

1 0-23 MIZYAN 18F (C) J Banks 5-12-0 S Keightley
2 444- BELLAGROVE 250F (G) B Rothwell 5-11-8 B Storey
3 310- KING OF SHADOWS 333 (C) J Carden 6-10-13 Gary Lyons
4 /01 ROPE 21 (C,F) Mrs F Walwyn 7-10-13 B de Haan
5 F430 ILEWIN 11 (F,G) J Jenkins 5-10-7 M Ahern
6 14F0 TEMPORALE 21 (F,G,S) (CD) K Burke 7-10-0 D Gallagher
7 3004 HOWGILL 7 (CD,F) R Hollinshead 7-10-0 S Wynne (5)
8 -480 SPANISH WHISPER 47 (BF,B,S) J Bostock 6-10-0 J McLaughlin
9 5-23 TRISTAN'S COMET 7 (CD) J Harris 6-10-0 J A Harris
10 82-P SHAREEF STAR 48 (S) R Juckes 5-10-0 T Wall
11 6P35 WHISKEY BLUES 7 (S) B Richmond 8-10-0 D Byrne

3-1 Mizyan, 9-2 Rope, 6-1 Tristan's Comet, 8-1 Ilewin, Temporale, 10-1 Shareef Star, King Of Shadows, 14-1 Spanish Whisper, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Banks, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; Mrs V Aconley, 8 from 26, 30.8%; R Hollinshead, 28 from 100, 28.0%; D Murray-Smith, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Ryan, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 6 from 30, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: Miss S Billot, 5 winners from 10 rides, 50.0%; Diane Clay, 6 from 13, 46.2%; G Lyons, 18 from 84, 21.4%; M Dwyer, 5 from 24, 20.8%; S Wynne, 15 from 75, 20.0%; R Marley, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

☐ Lorcan Wyer is set to return to action on Stated Case at Towcester tomorrow after recovering from a shoulder injury.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

1.30 Tudor Da Samba. 2.00 Robingo. 2.30 Kentish Piper. 3.00 Superior Finish. 3.30 Porto Heli. 4.00 Pectorus.

GOING: SOFT (CHASE COURSE); HEAVY (HURDLES) SIS

1.30 BURTON LAZARS SELLING HURDLE (£1,749: 2m) (10 runners)

1 ACHELOUS 78F (W Dern) J Glover 6-11-6 G Bradley —
2 0-P0 ALDINGTON BABY MAE 14 (Exors of late C Wheatley) C Trietline 5-11-8 J Pratt (7) 77
3 240F02 CHERYLS PET 1 (E Cleary) P Burgoyne 5-11-1 K Hannett (7) 92
4 P0-P0 NORMEAD LASS 18 (J Titley) Miss P Hall 5-11-1 B Clifford (3) —
5 8 SINGING REPLY 12 (A Mazzotta) D Marks 5-11-1 J McCarthy (7) 81
6 12 TUDOR DA SAMBA 33 (B,BF,S) (Pipe Scudamore Racing) M Pipe 4-11-1 P Scudamore 97
7 PSP FINNERAN'S FANTASY 15 (Mrs A H Finneran) D Morris 4-10-10 C Grant 80
8 03 SHADANZA 16 (B Grainger) A Stringer 4-10-10 R Garritty 99
9 4F AMOUREUSE 49 (B Molloy) T Caldwell 4-10-5 Pat Caldwell 91
10 0 SILKY SIREN 21 (B) (S Nixon) M Pipe 4-10-5 D Richmond (5) —

BETTING: 2-1 Tudor Da Samba, 3-1 Shadanza, 9-2 Cheryls Pet, 7-1 Amoureuse, 12-1 Achelous, 14-1 Singing Reply, 16-1 others.

1992: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

FORM FOCUS

SINGING REPLY 36¾l 6th of 12 to Coraco in Kempton (2m, soft) novice hurdle. TUDOR DA SAMBA neck 2nd of 12 to Milly Black in Exeter (2m 2f, soft) selling novice hurdle. Previously beat Dragon Spirit 5l in 15-runner Taunton (2m 1f, soft) selling hurdle. FINNERAN'S FANTASY 23l 5th of 11 to Brandon Grove in Southwell (AW, 2m) novice hurdle on penultimate start. SHADANZA 2½l 3rd of 16 to Colour Cost in Carlisle (2m 1f, soft) novice hurdle. AMOUREUSE 7½l 4th of 17 to Charmonix in Stratford (2m 110yd, good) selling novice hurdle on penultimate start.
Selection: TUDOR DA SAMBA

2.00 GOLDEN MILLER NOVICES HURDLE (£3,765: 2m 4f 110yd) (3 runners)

1 6-01112 HIGH ALLTITUDE 13 (D,G,S) (B Bailey) G Moore 5-12-0 C Grant 99
2 5-12111 SUN SURFER 25 (G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 5-12-0 C Llewellyn 98
3 3211 ROBINGO 8 (B,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 4-10-13 P Scudamore 96

BETTING: Evens Sun Surfer, 7-4 Robingo, 5-2 High Alltitude.

FORM FOCUS

HIGH ALLTITUDE ¾l 2nd of 11 to Brackenfield in Ayr (3m 4f, soft) novice hurdle. Previously completed treble with 5l defeat of My Desire in 12-runner Newcastle (2m 4f, good) novice hurdle. SUN SURFER completed treble with neck defeat of Dreamers Delight in 7-runner grade I Sandown (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle. ROBINGO completed double beating Exarch 8l in 8-runner Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle.
Selection: SUN SURFER (nap)

2.30 MARSHALL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,831: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 2P/16/P FIELD CONQUEROR 11 (B,D,S) (Mrs A Smith) M Bradstock 12-12-0 G Bradley —
2 33-3P0P THE LEGGETT 20 (D,F,G,S) (A Ford) M Pipe 10-12-0 J Lower 97
3 13-3P52 GOLDEN FREEZE 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-9 B de Haan 99
4 431P/P5 WESTERN LEGEND 11 (D,G,S) (Miss J Laing) P Nicholls 9-11-8 R Greene (3) —
5 1-13P23 TRI FOLENE 39 (B,F,G,S) (D L'Estrange) M Pipe 7-11-6 D Richmond (5) 96
6 00-2382 CHIASSO FORTE 11 (G,S) (Midavon Partnership) P Hobbs 10-11-1 B Clifford (3) 98
7 35-12P2 KENTISH PIPER 25 (F,G) (M Gibson) N Gaselee 8-10-13 C Llewellyn 97
8 652112 OBIE'S TRAIN 18 (BF,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 7-10-8 P Scudamore 93
9 11F2/50- MERITMOORE 383 (D,G,S) (G Borek) G Moore 10-10-4 J Callaghan 87

BETTING: 5-2 Kentish Piper, 3-1 Chiasso Forte, 4-1 Obie's Train, 6-1 Golden Freeze, 8-1 Tri Folene, 12-1 Western Legend, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

GOLDEN FREEZE 3½l 2nd of 8 to Pitby in Ludlow (2m 4f, soft) handicap chase. TRI FOLENE 5l 2nd of 3 to Bad Trade in Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft) conditional jockeys handicap chase on penultimate start. CHIASSO FORTE 3l 2nd of 4 to Its Nearly Time in Warwick (2m, heavy) handicap chase. KENTISH PIPER short head 2nd of 7 to Beech Road in Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) handicap chase. OBIE'S TRAIN neck 2nd of 7 to Tammy My Girl in Market Rasen (3m 1f, soft) amateur riders novice chase. Previously completed double with 3l defeat of Springholm in 11-runner Exeter (2m 2f, soft) claiming chase.
Selection: CHIASSO FORTE

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.00 SILVER BELL NOVICES CHASE (£2,266: 3m) (4 runners)

1 5-42412 DUBLIN FLYER 30 (D,G,S) (J Sumner) T Forster 7-11-4 C Llewellyn 94
2 60-4221 SUPERIOR FINISH 11 (D,G,S) (Draweat Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-4 B de Haan 99
3 05PU2F KILCLOONEY FORREST 4 (A Dacker) Mrs S Smith 11-10-12 A Larnach (5) 83
4 6/0P ROYAL GUY 15 (N Lunn) D Morris 8-10-12 C Grant —

BETTING: 4-6 Superior Finish, 13-8 Dublin Flyer, 16-1 Kilclooney Forrest, 20-1 Royal Guy.

FORM FOCUS

DUBLIN FLYER 12l 2nd of 4 to Young Hustler in Newbury (3m, soft) novice chase. Previously beat Dromin Mist 2l in 17-runner Doncaster (3m, good) novice chase. SUPERIOR FINISH beat Forest Sun 25l in 6-runner Kempton (3m, soft) novice chase. KILCLOONEY FORREST 3l 2nd of 13 to Candy Tuff in Wetherby (3m 110yd, soft) novice chase on penultimate start.
Selection: SUPERIOR FINISH

3.30 CHARNWOOD CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,872: 2m) (7 runners)

1 1432/ PORTO HELI 769 (B,D,F) (B Robson) M Pipe 6-12-1 P Scudamore —
2 P0-4U6P TOPHARD 92 (B) (B Brazier) R Lee 7-11-11 R Greene (3) —
3 1P50 STE-JEN 20 (G) (S Monaghan) G Moore 4-11-9 N Bentley (5) 78
4 112-006 SANDHURST PARK 13 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs S Russo) P Murphy 8-11-3 E Byrne 99
5 2P6/0-P3 PONDERED BID 61 (B,D,S) (A Penney) Pat Mitchell 9-11-1 C Grant 79
6 60FP1-0 COMMANCHE SIOUX 18 (D,S) (H Lloyd) K Morgan 5-10-12 A S Smith 68
7 P DESPERATE MAN 6 (R Thompson) R Thompson 4-10-11 C Hawkins —

BETTING: 6-4 Porto Heli, 7-2 Ste-Jen, 5-1 Sandhurst Park, 6-1 Pondered Bid, 8-1 Commanche Sioux, 16-1 Tophard, 25-1 Desperate Man.

FORM FOCUS

PORTO HELI 2½l 2nd of 13 to Access Sun in Wolverhampton (2m, good to firm) novice hurdle in December 90. STE-JEN 12½l 5th of 9 to Desert Mist in Kelso (2m 4f, good) novice hurdle in October. SANDHURST PARK 8l 2nd of 16 to J Brand in Chepstow (2m, good to soft) novices handicap hurdle on final start last term. PONDERED BID 3¼l 3rd of 15 to Boogie Bopper in Nottingham (2m, soft) conditional jockeys' selling hurdle. COMMANCHE SIOUX beat Chief Raider 3½l in 8-runner Hexham (2m, good to soft) novice hurdle on final start last season.
Selection: SANDHURST PARK

4.00 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,490: 2m) (9 runners)

1 23 BENJAMIN 13 (A Schild) N Gaselee 5-11-0 M Hazell 99
2 6 CHALIE RICHARDS 46 (Halewood Vintners Ltd) D McCain 6-11-0 G Bradley —
3 PU GOLDEN SUPREME 8 (Mrs M E Curtis) J Curtis 7-11-0 C Grant —
4 000- ODYSSEUS 274 (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 7-11-0 M M Lynch —
5 51-0 PECTORUS 20 (B,BF,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 5-11-0 P Scudamore —
6 50-0 PROCTORS ROW 49 (J Thompson) D McCain 6-11-0 S J O'Neill —
7 8 ROVULENKA 13 (Mrs L Sewell) M Pipe 5-11-0 J Lower 85
8 0-F0 STRELLEY PRINCE 8 (H Morton) Mrs S Smith 6-11-0 A Larnach (5) 86
9 U/0-04 OH SO WINDY 7 (Mrs A King) Mrs A King 6-10-9 Mr N Bradley (7) 86

BETTING: 6-4 Benjamin, 3-1 Pectorus, 4-1 Rovulenka, 8-1 Oh So Windy, 14-1 Proctors Row, 16-1 Strelley Prince, 25-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BENJAMIN 7½l 3rd of 14 to Boldingo in Taunton (2m 1f, soft) novice hurdle with ROVULENKA (same terms) 7¾l 5th. CHALIE RICHARDS 8¾l 6th of 10 to Simple Arithmetic in Uttoxeter (2m, heavy) National Hunt flat race. PECTORUS, favourite, 38l 11th of 18 to Balzac Boy in Wincanton (2m, soft) novice hurdle. Won 12-runner Downpatrick (2m 2f, soft) National Hunt flat race last February. OH SO WINDY 7¾l 4th of 15 to Mythical Storm in Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good) novice hurdle.
Selection: BENJAMIN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	25	62	40.3	J Lower	5	8	62.5
Mrs J Pitman	27	81	33.3	P Scudamore	19	55	34.5
N Gaselee	4	23	17.4	C Llewellyn	6	41	14.6
R Lee	7	42	16.7				
T Forster	3	23	13.0				
Only qualifiers				Only qualifiers			

☐ Tiananmen Square, Ireland's top novice hurdler, is set to miss Cheltenham. The five-year-old injured a leg in December and suffered another setback on Monday.

Scudamore critical of whip plans

PETER Scudamore spoke out yesterday about plans to cut by half the number of times a jockey can use the whip. The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee is recommending that the maximum be reduced from ten strokes to five.

The stewards will decide at a meeting on Monday whether to give the proposals the go-ahead. But the champion jockey believes more discussions should take place before anything is decided.

"We've got ourselves into a terrible muddle over this," Scudamore said. "Jockeys have been put into a corner and told that they are the ones that are doing the abusing.

"Weals or injuries are not acceptable, but, used in the right way, the whip will make a horse go faster. If it's wrong to hit a horse ten times, it's wrong to hit a horse five times and the guidelines make no difference.

"Not to pick up the stick is not the answer. I've ridden all over the world and in some countries where you can't pick up the whip — all the jockeys do is continuously hit the horse down the shoulder.

"We should sit round the table without arguing and try to seek out a solution."

Ironically, Scudamore returns to action at Leicester today after serving a four-day ban for misuse of the whip on Taunton winner Riverside Boy.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: OBIE'S TRAIN
(2.30 Leicester)

Next best: Superior Finish
(3.00 Leicester)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Nottingham

Going: good to soft (soft in places)

1.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, MISTER HALF-CHANCE (J Lower, 8-1); 2, Mad Thyme (M Perrett, 5-6 fav); 3, Taramoss (N Williamson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Kausar, 9 Heathview (6th), 12 Proving (pu), 16 Squires Privilege, 33 Xploration, Sand King, 40 Sunshine Blues (pu), 50 Grey Illusions, Yaalou, Glen Luss, Power Happy (pu), Titian Girl, Alternation (4th), Waldorf T Beagle (5th), 100 Gute Nacht, Manor Ranger (pu), Mulberry Harbour (pu), Shireoak's Flyer (pu), Keon (pu), Kings Dawn (pu), Sophini (pu). 24 ran. NR: Saintly Path. 5l, 2l, 7l, 25l, 5l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £13.20; £1.30, £1.40, £3.60. DF: £3.20. CSF: £14.99.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, WHAT IF (Helen Brennan, 10-1); 2, Thin Red Line (R Dunwoody, 11-1); 3, Only A Rose (D Wilkinson, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Mel's Rose (6th), 4 Ever Smile (pu), 14 Peak District, 20 Nothing Doing, 25 Star Thyme, 33 Majority Holding (pu), Polder (4th), Yankee Flyer, 50 Talab (5th), Just A Memory, 66 Barga. 14 ran. NR: Hinton Lady. 10l, 2½l, 6l, 10l, ½l. O Brennan at Newark. Tote: £11.70; £3.20, £2.20, £1.10. DF: £31.40. CSF: £111.04.

2.00 (2m ch) 1, BIBENDUM (M M Lynch, 100-30); 2, Greek Flutter (M Dwyer, 7-4); 3, Barrica (C Llewellyn, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Viking Flagship (f), 20 Noble Ben (ur), 66 Bustoneen (pu). 6 ran. 5l, 30l. R Waley-Cohen at Banbury. Tote: £4.80; £2.20, £1.50. DF: £4.80. CSF: £9.22.

2.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, TRUTH BE TOLD (D Murphy, 6-1); 2, Vital Witness (A S Smith, 10-1); 3, Andrew's First (M M Lynch, 8-1); 4, Furry Baby (A Maguire, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Ambleside Harvest, 8 Bean King, 10 Midland Glenn (f), 12 Taroudant, Leavenworth, 14 Top Javalin, 16 Jimbalou (pu), Ninsolus, 20 Petty Bridge (pu), Judges Fancy, 25 Montagnard, Couture Stockings (5th), Pactolus (6th), 33 Lafkadio (pu), TV Pitch, 50 Palanquin. 20 ran. NR: Circuit Ring. 2l, 5l, 6l, 1½l, 7l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £6.50; £2.10, £2.30, £4.10, £3.20. DF: £47.30. CSF: £476.81.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, STATE OF AFFAIRS (R J Beggan, 5-1); 2, Marzocco (A Maguire, 6-1); 3, Open Sesame (M Perrett, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Persian Sword, 7 Solo Comet (f), Expansionist (4th), 9 Outfitair Memory, 10 Loxley Range (ur), 12 Aldington Millpond, Kytton Castle (bd), 14 This Nettle Danger (5th), 20 Feetoll, 33 Gin And Orange, Highlane Lad (6th), 50 Dry Time. 15 ran. NR: Comstock. 3l, nk, 3l, 2½l, 4l. C Horgan at Billingbear. Tote: £9.40; £1.90, £2.40, £69.30. DF: £10.90. CSF: £32.79. Tricast: £1,097.65.

3.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, HIGH PADRE (M Dwyer, 2-1 fav); 2, Beau Charm (P Hide, 12-1); 3, Our Fellow (A Maguire, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Furry Knowe (6th), 6 Mweenish, 13-2 Miss Fern, 10 Mountebor (5th), 12 Why So Hasty, 16 Ebony Swell, 20 Classey Boy (pu), Extra Grand (f), 25 Knox's Corner (pu), 33 Little General, 50 Woodlands Genhire (4th), Dry Gin. 15 ran. 7l, 2l, 2¼l, sh hd, 2l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £5.30, £4.40. DF: £30.80. CSF: £27.72. Tricast: £376.79.

4.00 (2m) 1, OVERLORD (Mr J Durkan, 20-1); 2, Son Of Iris (R Hodge, 6-4 fav); 3, Mr Pickpocket (J McCarthy, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5 The Quiet Genius, 6 Ottoman Empire, 8 Frog Hollow, Just Molly (8th), 9 Naval Battle, 12 Distant Mill (f), 20 Newhall Prince, Target Missile, Private Jet, 33 Ger Off (bd), Arthurly, Hector's Return (4th), Niyaka (5th), 50 Mister Cumbers, Vulcan Belle, Far View, Mac's Boy. 20 ran. 2l, 4l, 7l, 1½l, 1l. W Muir at Lambourn. Tote: £29.20; £7.40, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £44.90. CSF: £83.69.

4.30 (2m) 1, SCOBIE BOY (A Procter, 20-1); 2, Nitra (Miss H McCaull, 16-1); 3, Callyr (D Meredith, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Indian River, 5 Mr Fudge, 7 Roman Romany, 15-2 Da Jordaan (8th), 8 Sheep Stealer, Swahili Run (4th), 10 Aunt Ada, 11 Bell Staffboy (5th), 12 Crank Shaft, 14 Doctor Dunklin, 25 Master Sacha, 33 Cancale, Lazzaretto, 50 Catcha Thief, Maltese Flame. 18 ran. NR: Bideston, Fly Guard. 3½l, 6l, ½l, nk, 6l. C Egerton at Newbury. Tote: £27.80; £5.00, £1.80, £6.10. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £9.40. CSF: £339.44.

Placepot: £45.90

Sedgefield

Going: good

1.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, MASTER OF THE ROCK (G McCourt, 5-2 fav); 2, Cherylls Pal (K Hartnett, 9-2); 3, Castani (R Garritty, 33-1); 4, Anfield Sally (C Hawkins, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Facility Letter (ur), Mowthorpe, 9 Enkindle, 10 Dolly Prices (f), Leading Role, 11 Station Express (bd), 14 My Lindianne (5th), Damart, 16 Clean Singer (f), 33 August (bd), Our Man in Havana (6th), Boy Painter. 16 ran. NR: Battle Standard. 3½l, 8l, 3l, 1½l, 2l. Mrs P Barker at Wetherby. Tote: £4.40; £2.00, £1.50, £8.10, £4.00. DF: £11.20. CSF: £15.59. Tricast: £286.73. No bid.

2.20 (3m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, BISHOP'S TIPPLE (B Storey, 12-1); 2, Babcock Boy (P Niven, 4-9 fav); 3, Deep Call (G McCourt, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 40 Notarius (4th). 4 ran. 2½l, 4l, dist. T Carr at Saltburn. Tote: £11.90. DF: £3.60. CSF: £17.88.

2.50 (2m 1f ch) 1, MAUDLINS CROSS (P Niven, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Sonsie Mo (P Williams, 13-2); 3, Frozen Minstrel (T Reed, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Tressidder (5th), 5 Stags Fell (f), Bouzdaroff (4th), 6 Mega Blue (6th), 16 Any Gossip. 8 ran. 2l, 5l, 4l, 3l, hd. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £1.20, £3.30. DF: £9.10. CSF: £25.69. Tricast: £158.63.

3.20 (3m 3f ch) 1, REGAL ESTATE (P Niven, Evens fav); 2, Viva Bella (J Burke, 7-2); 3, Bow Handy Man (P Waggott, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Shepherd's Hymn (pu), 33 Abbenoir (4th). 5 ran. 2l, 10l, 15l. R Earnshaw at Harrogate. Tote: £1.70; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.62.

3.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, NO MORE TRIX (G McCourt, 9-2); 2, Down The Road (T Reed, 16-1); 3, Hutner (A Merrigan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Houghton (pu), 4 On Tap (pu), 12 Starmine (4th), Hiram B Birdbath (6th), 14 Reef Lark (5th), 25 Clonroche Driller (pu), 33 Royal Invader (ur), 66 Feeling Rosey, Equator, 500 Live And Let Live (pu). 13 ran. 7l, 7l, 5l, 2½l, 25l. T Tate at Tadcaster. Tote: £5.70; £1.60, £5.50, £2.00. DF: £213.90. CSF: £87.50.

4.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, BADASTAN (G McCourt, 9-2); 2, Sikrool Green (C Hawkins, 4-1 jt-fav); 3, Bridge Player (D J Moffatt, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Seraphim (4th), Chief Raider, 7 Mr Snipe (pu), 10 Split Second (6th), 20 Hunmanby Gap (pu), 25 Latour, Juke Box Billy, 50 Syd Green (su), Prior Conviction (pu), Kinda Groovy (5th), 66 Over The Odds, Strathbogie Mist, 100 Break The Habit. 16 ran. 7l, 4l, 8l, 6l, 8l. T Tate at Tadcaster. Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £1.50, £2.50. DF: £8.00. CSF: £23.30.

Placepot: £1,490.60.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.10 (2m) 1, Phillip's Woody (J R Kavanagh, 10-11 fav); 2, Simply George (9-2); 3, In The Zone (12-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 12l. N Henderson. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.10, £3.10. DF: £11.10. CSF: £6.28.

1.40 (2m) 1, Red Bean (A Dicken, 7-2); 2, Clipper One (7-1); 3, Red Ink (9-4 fav). 9 ran. NR: Cheeka, Shardra. 1l, 8l. J O'Donoghue. Tote: £6.40; £2.60, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £13.80. CSF: £26.43.

2.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Va Lute (R Greene, 15-8); 2, Falcon Flight (8-13 fav); 3, Please Please Me (16-1). 6 ran. 3½l, 10l. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.41.

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Safety (D Skyrme, 2-1); 2, Monday Club (2-1); 3, Kalzari (12-1). Olveston 13-8 fav. 4 ran. 6l, 1l. J White. Tote: £2.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £8.10.

3.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Raba Riba (W Marston, 11-8 fav); 2, Forge (7-1); 3, Crown Baladee (6-4). 5 ran. 15l, 4l. J Spearing. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £8.70. CSF: £9.97.

3.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Absent Relative (S Smith Eccles, 4-5 fav); 2, Galley Bay (20-1); 3, Jamwah (20-1). 11 ran. NR: Decading Bid. ½l, 10l. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £9.20, £6.10. DF: £34.80. CSF: £19.37. Tricast: £209.28.

4.10 (2m flat) 1, The Mine Captain (P Moore, 3-1); 2, Blakeway (7-1); 3, Mardel (25-1). King's Maverick 4-5 fav. 9 ran. NR: Telmar Systems. 2½l, 3½l. F O'Mahony. Tote: £4.80; £1.10, £1.40, £19.20. DF: £7.40. CSF: £24.03.

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CRICKET

Richardson intent on developing new image

FROM ALAN LEE IN PERTH

IN AN act as symbolic as it was spontaneous, Richie Richardson took the microphone at the Waca ground on Monday and invited "all of Australia" to join his West Indies team as they celebrated another series win.

It was an impracticable gesture but one of deep significance, as was Richardson's later invitation to all the assembled press, Australian and English as well as Caribbean, to come into the dressing-room and mingle with his exultant players.

The outlook of the West Indies team is changing profoundly under the direction of this shrewd 31-year-old, and the game in general will be the winner. Gone, or at least going, is the aggressively private stance, broodily resenting outsiders. Under Richardson, there is open government.

There has been no acrimony between the sides and any instances of dissent have come from Australia, Allan Border and Merv Hughes yesterday being severely reprimanded after a second adverse report in the series.

"I was worried about what happened in 1991," Richardson said yesterday. "I strongly believe that we as cricketers are nothing without the public who support us and that we have a responsibility to be ambassadors for our game. I wanted good relations to be restored, and I think they have been."

Some Australian players have been barely able to believe the transformation, but all agree that the credit belongs to Richardson. Importantly, too, he has quickly commanded the trust and respect of his players, some of whom knew more abrasive ways as of habit.

"We have been like a family on this tour." Richardson explained. "A big, happy family." The truth of his words has been obvious in the laughter which has returned to the West Indies side after years when scowls were more regular.

It has not been an easy succession. Richardson, like Richards, is an Antiguan, and was the great man's protégé. That one of the first acts of his captaincy was to comply with the stripping away of the old guard — Richards included — was seen by some as an act of treachery.

"I am a very inexperienced captain and I have taken a lot of stick, even from our own people in the Caribbean," he said. "So it was very important to me to win this series, and to win it in the right way."

Entrepeneurial enough to be marketing his trademark, wide-brimmed sun hats, earthy enough to play his guitar on the Perth ground during Monday's celebrations, Richardson is a strong but caring soul, deeply religious.

He will doubtless make a great success of his sojourn at Yorkshire this summer and, the way things are going, he will ensure that West Indies remain pre-eminent for years to come — as entertainers as well as winners.

Australia have omitted Dean Jones from a 13-man party to tour New Zealand later this month. The youngsters, Damien Martyn and Justin Langer, and Steve Waugh, who struggled against West Indies, are preferred. The tour contains three Test matches and five one-day internationals.

PARTY: A R Border (captain), M A Taylor, D C Boon, I A Healy, M G Hughes, J L Langer, D R Martyn, T B A May, C J McDermott, P R Reiffel, S K Warne, M E Waugh, S R Waugh.

There was once a theory that the inner strength of the West Indians came from their deliberate isolation. In adopting an "us against the world" attitude, they created a powerful motivating force. Sometimes, the passion of their crusade seemed to transcend sport and sometimes, in the latter years of Viv Richards' reign, it developed an unwholesome hostility.

Recent series between West Indies and Australia qualified for x-certificates. First came unashamedly brutal bowling and then, in 1991, a shocking degree of verbal animosity.

Richardson played in that last series, indeed he topped the batting averages. But he did not like what he was a part of and, when his time came to lead West Indies in the next series with Australia, he set about doing things differently.



Imperfect practice: Luc Alphand, of France, a late starter who benefited from an improvement in the weather, posted the fastest training time in men's downhill practice for the world Alpine ski championships in Shizukuishi, Japan, yesterday. Alphand recorded 1min 41.68sec, 0.02sec ahead of Tommy Moe, of the United States, who followed him down. Graham Bell, of Britain, finished eleventh fastest in the first official training session, with 1min 43.20sec. Alphand, 27, has made the top 20 only twice in downhill competition. Heavy snow flakes fell as the first 15 racers negotiated the 3,552-metre (2.2 mile) Mount Takakura course. Franz Heinzer, the World Cup downhill champion, finished 3.24sec behind Alphand after starting fourteenth. Bill Hudson, of the United States, whose No. 46 was the highest start number among the top ten, was fifth fastest in 1min 42.68sec. Daniel Mahrer, of Switzerland, one of the gold medal favourites, tied for sixth in 1min 42.74sec. Erik Schlopy, an American, was in a serious but stable condition after falling hard on his back, cracking vertebrae, bruising a lung and fracturing his sternum. "There is no danger of paralysis," the United States team doctor said.

Fletcher faced with some painful decisions



DAVID MILLER

At the Calcutta Test

SOME discordant vibrations accompany England's cricket party on its way to Vishakhapatnam tomorrow and it is the team manager's job to dispel them, one way or another, in the shortest possible time.

There is more to team management than selection, nets supervision, fielding practice and technical or tactical advice. The team manager has to be leader and director of an assorted group of personalities, with not all of whom he is familiar. Being the pleasant man Keith Fletcher is does not necessarily help.

Having just experienced an uncomfortable reverse in his first Test in his new role, Fletcher comes face to face with one of the inevitable aspects of man management: is lack of the right temperament for playing abroad undermining technique and, therefore, impeding the team?

The omission of Tufnell, a slow bowler who has decisively won Test matches, followed poor form here; so poor that it was apparently not considered worth taking the risk of including him even on a spinner's pitch.

Tufnell is said to find India disorientating in various ways. Fletcher, therefore, can act in one of two ways. He can either change Tufnell's attitude, making him more positive — by discussion, persuasion or by having Gooch relentlessly bowl him into form — or send him home and fetch out another bowler who is ready and willing to grab the opportunity of representing England and exploiting spinning pitches, though those at Madras and Bombay may now be carefully prepared as unresponsively flat as a bread board.

There is no point in Tufnell having a free ride around India. Critical situations demand tough decisions. To be dropped from a tour ought to be no different from a home Test series.

The same argument, regarding the psychological approach, applies to Emburey. Because many people, inside or outside the corral of the Test and County Cricket Board and the team, openly say that Emburey is only here because he is a familiar playing colleague of Gooch, Emburey more than ever needs to be above average rather than below, even were the allegation unfair.

In fact, he has been below average. What is more, he apparently made the specific request to be excluded from consideration for the Calcutta match. That would be allowable if he were unwell, which a number of players have been. If, however, he was merely unhappy about his form and the prospect of bowling satisfactorily, then he too should be replaced.

The attitude of any player selected to represent his country abroad should, by definition, be a resolute determination to play in any circumstance. If he is not on form, there should be the determination to force himself into form.

Character and attitude of mind are fundamentals of sport, and of cricket no less than any other. If the minds of Tufnell and Emburey, key components of the tour, are not right, then they have no place in the squad and should make way for others.

It is not forgotten, moreover, that Emburey twice broke ranks to join rebel tours of South Africa, which some consider puts in question his motivation for his country.

These are hard decisions for Fletcher, but that is the nature of his new responsibility. It is a more demanding and exposed responsibility than managing a county, and he is discovering why. There is no point in England devoting invaluable sponsorship support and their own efforts to prepare technically, if the chemistry is then not right on arrival.

Nobody can be in the slightest doubt that many things were not right with England in Calcutta. Illness was one of them. An absence of fighting spirit among some in the squad ought not to have been.

BASKETBALL

Evans denied trial on court

BY JOHN GOODBODY

JODI Evans, the Canadian woman international, is still finding difficulties in her attempts to represent Oxford University men's team in a competitive match.

Although she was selected for the university against Oxford Dons, the town team refused to play against her at the Iffley Road sports centre last Sunday.

Evans, a Rhodes scholar, said yesterday: "The Oxford Dons said they would walk off the court if I played. I did not think there was going to be a problem and the coach and the rest of our team all wanted me to play. It was a great pity." The university team won 70-66.

She had been hoping to represent the university in the friendly as a preparation for the match against Cambridge in the Varsity Games, sponsored by Andersen Consulting, on February 14. The light blues are allowing her to become the first woman to appear in the annual men's match.

Evans, 24, who is reading management studies at Magdalen College, has been practising regularly with the team and has represented the second team in friendly games since she went up to Oxford in October.

Last October, Oxford asked the British Universities Sports Federation (BUSF) if Evans, a 5ft 10in point guard for Canada's Olympic squad, could take part in the inter-university tournament. However, the BUSF decided to continue its policy of not permitting women to participate in men's competitions when there are tournaments in the same sport for women. Otherwise, it argued, women's competitions would become devalued.



Evans: feels frustrated

The Oxford Dons said that they were afraid that Evans would get hurt. However, she said: "Funnily enough I have never been hurt when playing for men's teams, although I have suffered knocks in women's basketball. It is part of the game.

"In women's international basketball, I have played against women, who are 6ft 10in and 20 stone: we are talking huge."

An English Basket Ball Association spokesman said that if a match was not part of a competitive event in which there were separate competitions for both sexes, the decision should be up to the teams themselves. However, it stressed that for recreational basketball, there was no question of discrimination.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leigh go looking for home

LEIGH yesterday failed to buy Hilton Park, and the first division club's survival is likely to involve a move to football neighbours Bolton Wanderers or a ground sharing scheme with Warrington, their rivals, next season (Christopher Irvine writes).

A £300,000 offer by Bill Parkinson, a director and Leigh's main sponsor, was rejected by the club's administrator because of outside interest in development of the site, the club's home since 1946.

According to Parkinson, Keith Bell, a former chairman and Leigh's only secured creditor, wants to recover his investment in the club. "We will be exploring every possibility to keep Leigh alive," Parkinson said.

The Wigan-St Helens Challenge Cup second-round tie is to be screened live by the BBC on February 13.

Michael Peers has left Blackpool after a year as coach of the third-division club.

ATHLETICS

Jones recalled for Stuttgart

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

STEVE Jones, once the world's fastest marathon runner, has been selected to compete for Britain in an international championship for the first time in seven years. Jones, who set a world best at 29 but is now 37, was one of two British men named yesterday for the world championships in Stuttgart in August, with a third to be chosen after the NutraSweet London Marathon on April 18.

The irony is that the venue should be Stuttgart. It was there, in 1986, in Jones's last championship appearance for Britain, that his reputation fell into decline.

Confident after three successive victories, which involved setting a world best of 2hr 08min 05sec in 1984, winning the London marathon in 1985 and running 2hr 07min 13sec later that year, he attacked the European championship in Stuttgart as though the gold medal was a formality.

At halfway he led by two minutes, but was caught soon after 20 miles, fading to finish twentieth in 2hr 22min 12sec. Except for a victory in the New York marathon in 1988, in 2hr 08min 20sec, he was never the same again.

However, a win in Toronto, in 2hr 10min 06sec, last October, his first run below 2hr 12min for four years, made him the fastest Briton of 1992. The Stuttgart course will be the one used in 1986. "I have a personal best of 2:22 on it and perhaps I can beat that now," Jones said. "What happened in 1986 has been a bear on my back.



Jones: score to settle

"Maybe I cannot run 2:07 any more, but I think I can run a time which would have got a medal in past world championships. There is no doubt I can run low 2:09s or high 2:08s, which would put me in with a shout."

Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, won the 1984 Olympic marathon at 37 and set a world best of 2hr 07min 12sec at 38. "In any other event, age would be an inhibiting factor but, in the marathon, you mature into it," Jones, still the fourth fastest ever, said. "Everything I have done since Toronto has been geared towards the world championships." And settling a score with the Stuttgart course.

Sally Eastall, of St Edmunds Pacers, and Marion Sutton, of City of Plymouth, have been selected for the women's team. It will be Sutton's first important international.

BRITISH TEAM: Men: S Jones, P Evans (one to be added). Women: S Eastall, M Sutton (one to be added).

IN BRIEF

Boardman record is purged

Chris Boardman's world 5,000 metres record has been removed from the books after the International Cycling Union (UCI) decided to reduce the number of its track records from 88 to 20. However, he retains the 4,000 metres record set on his way to the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Barcelona last year.

The UCI will no longer distinguish between world best times achieved indoor and outdoor, or at sea level and altitude. Last year, amateur and professional records were also merged.

☐ The Frenchman, Didier Rous, won the first race of the European season yesterday when he took the 145-kilometre grand prix de la Marseillaise in Gardanne. The victory marked a triumphant entry for Greg LeMond's new team, Gan.

America's Cup breakthrough

Yachting: Team Dennis Conner and the Pegasus Syndicate, the first all-women's America's Cup group, have been conditionally accepted as defence candidates for the 1995 America's Cup. A third group, headed by the Olympic silver medal winner, Kevin Mahaney, of Maine, submitted its defence plan to the San Diego yacht club yesterday. Six of the nine groups that initially expressed interest in the 1995 regatta failed to meet Monday's deadline for presenting preliminary plans. Among them were Bill Koch's America³ syndicate, which defended the cup against Italy last May.

Both Pegasus and Conner were given until March 1 to post a $150,000 entrance fee and show evidence of a $2 million line of credit or assets. Conner has basically met the financial requirements because he already has an International America's Cup Class sloop, Stars and Stripes.

Conner, a four-time cup winner, was eliminated by Koch in last year's defender trials. Lynda Corrado, of Sausalito, head of the Pegasus group, said that her group will have a budget of $17-20 $20 million. No woman has held a position of such importance in an America's Cup match. Dawn Riley was an alternate with America³ in the 1992 trials, but did not sail in the finals.

Wasim strikes

Cricket: Pakistan crushed Sri Lanka by eight wickets in the Sharjah Trophy in the United Arab Emirates yesterday, booking their place in the final against the winner of today's match between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. Needing 181 to win in 46 overs, Pakistan achieved the target in 40.2 overs for the loss of Rameez Raja for 73 and Saeed Anwar for 55. For Sri Lanka, Asanka Gurusinghe scored 90 off 111 balls. Wasim Akram, the new Pakistan captain, took four wickets for 24.

☐ Paul Allott, the former Lancashire and England seam bowler, has joined Staffordshire.

Wood fights back

Tennis: Clare Wood, of Britain, came from behind in the second set to beat Sabine Hack, of Germany, the No. 1 seed, 6-2, 7-6 in the first round of the Amway Classic in Auckland, New Zealand. Monique Javer lost to Nadine Ercegovic.

☐ Martina Navratilova, playing her first tournament match since November, beat Ai Sugiyama, a qualifier, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in Yokohama, Japan.

Half decided

Rugby union: Neil Matthews, the England B stand-off half, has registered for Bristol next season, but will delay any definite decision to leave Gloucester. "I will make up my mind in three to four months about where I will go next season," he said.



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1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (54609)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (87327680) **1.50 Eldorado** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (78383067)
2.20 Hawaii Five-O. Classic American police drama series starring Jack Lord and James MacArthur. This week a young woman is forced to fake a suicide attempt in order to flush her fiancé out of hiding. With guest star Loretta Swit (r) (8091357) **3.10 Primetime**. Roy Castle and Maggi Philbin investigate why hospital waiting lists are so long, and the history of farce is discussed by Sir Brian Rix, Ray Cooney and Doris Hare (s) (7772048)
3.50 The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends. Country tales for the younger viewer (3748406) **3.55 Bitsa**. Ideas for recycling household junk into something useful (s) (8157970) **4.10 Jackanory**. Sandi Toksvig with the second of a three-part story *Delilah and the Dogspell* (r) (1451116) **4.25 Quick Draw McGraw**. Cartoon (8814222) **4.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood**. Episode five of the 13-part animated children's drama (Ceefax) (s) (3514154)
4.55 Newsround (3029845) **5.05 The Return of the Psammead**. The penultimate episode of the drama series based on the novels of E. Nesbit. (Ceefax) (s) (8365715)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8538834). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (96)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (48) Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (1222)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. This week's edition includes news of the latest developments in the fight to find a treatment for Alzheimer's disease. (Ceefax) (s) (32)
8.00 The Detectives Comedy series spin-off from the regular *Canned Carrot* sketch starring Jasper Carrot and Robert Powell as two incompetent detectives (4870)



Polite chit-chat: Victoria Wood, Patricia Hodge (8.30pm)

8.30 Victoria Wood: Staying In. A repeat of Victoria Wood's 1989 series of comedy plays. In this she superbly parodies the etiquette and superficiality of the British cocktail party. With Patricia Hodge, Jim Broadbent, Celia Imrie and Susie Blake. (Ceefax) (6777)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7241)
9.30 Clive James - Fame in the Twentieth Century. Clive James's series on the nature of fame in the 20th-century continues with archive film of those who achieved it in the years 1951 to 1959. (Ceefax) (s) (718512)
10.25 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Football: highlights from three of tonight's FA Cup fourth round replays; Rugby Union: a preview of the weekend's two five nations' championship matches — Wales v England and France v Scotland; Skiing: news from the world championships in Japan; Boxing: a look forward to the weekend's world heavyweight championship bout between Riddick Bowe and Mike Dokes (6416244)
11.55 Weather (161870). Ends at **12.00**
2.15am-3.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (925075) **4.00-4.50 TV Edits: Deutschland Heute 7.** Scrambled (6506079)

BBC2

6.00 Breakfast News (5751680) **8.15 Westminster** (2080932)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me.** Infants' entertainment (r) (51038135) **2.15 Look, Stranger.** David Hutchings, of the Upper Avon Navigation Trust, working with prisoners and volunteers to create a new leisure waterway from the neglected stretch of the Avon between Evesham and Stratford. First shown in 1971 (51040970) **2.35 CountryFile** Rural issues investigated by John Craven (r) (2383796)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7482390) followed by **Westminster Live** (7120883) **3.50 News,** regional news and weather (8356883)
4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths, presented by Paul Coia (61)
4.30 Green Streets. A documentary about a New York urban community gardening movement (1821796)
5.10 Horizon. The second of a two-part profile of the physicist Richard Feynman (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1696864)
6.00 Star Trek. Classic science fiction adventures first shown in the 1960s, starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (Ceefax) (488961)
6.50 DEF II: Reportage. An investigation into who is to blame for the starvation in Somalia (s) (170715)
7.30 Choir of the Year. A semi-final of the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition, introduced by Howard Goodall from the Buxton Opera House (s) (815777)
8.10 Bookmark: The Man From God Knows Where.
● CHOICE: The secret of a successful profile is an organising theme. Randall Wright's film about the Irish writer Brian Moore is lucky enough to have two. One is Moore's statelessness. He was born in Belfast, became a Canadian citizen and lives in California. He is at home everywhere and nowhere, not a bad distancing device for an observer of the human condition. The other theme is Catholicism, or rather Moore's rejection of it despite his upbringing in a strongly Catholic household. Neither of these departures from his roots has stopped Moore writing about Ireland or, for that matter, religion. The portrait is composed with the help of the poet Seamus Heaney, one of Moore's many sisters and the novelist himself. Moore is 71 but he looks about 50 and despite his long exile retains his Irish fluency and mischief (s) (312390)
9.00 M*A*S*H. When Trapper goes down with flu, Hawkeye generously lends him his long johns (r) (239777)



Ice cold in Moscow: English bride Lynsey Baxter (9.25pm)

9.25 The Mushroom Picker.
● CHOICE: Trust the BBC drama department to come up with odd subjects. *The Mushroom Picker* is from a novel by a Russian writer Zinovy Zinik. Set in the Brezhnev era, it presents a bitter portrait of the old Soviet Union linked with a hard-edged fable about east-west relations. The enterprise is billed as a black comedy, but on the early evidence is much darker than it is funny. Lynsey Baxter plays Clea, a mousy Englishwoman who visits Moscow and is swept into a passionate affair with an eccentric food junkie (Nigel Terry). They marry, but poor Clea is kicked out into the snow while hubby provides sexual favours to safeguard his meat supplies. There is a lot about meat, which is clearly symbolic, but little about mushrooms. That may be remedied in future episodes, when the couple up sticks and move to England. (Ceefax) (7897715)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (727680)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (887796)
11.55 Weather (625406). Ends at **12.05am**
2.00 Nightschool TV. Mathsphere series I (29549). Ends at **4.00**

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson and Fiona Armstrong. The guests include Geoff Capes (8760116)
9.25 Runway. Quiz game presented by Richard Madeley (9845425) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6120406)
10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion programme (9420864)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes legal advice. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather (80999796)
12.10 Allsorts. For the very young (s) (8198721)
12.30 Lunchtime News. (Teletext) Weather (1367680) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (80987796)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (497951) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (496222)
2.15 The Chrystal Rose Show Chat show (488203) **2.45 Take the High Road** Drama serial set in the Highlands (2376406)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7400796) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7409067) **3.20 Blockbusters** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (s) (5373048)
3.50 Cartoon (3733574) **3.55 Grotbags**. Adventures of a wicked witch, starring Carol Lee Scott (s) (4525816) **4.15 Garfield and Friends**. Cartoon adventures (r) (3502203) **4.40 Fun House** Slapstick game show (8823970)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8359154)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Teletext) Weather (651628)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (52390)
7.00 This Is Your Life Michael Aspel emotionally ambushes another unsuspecting worthy (s) (6390)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (28)

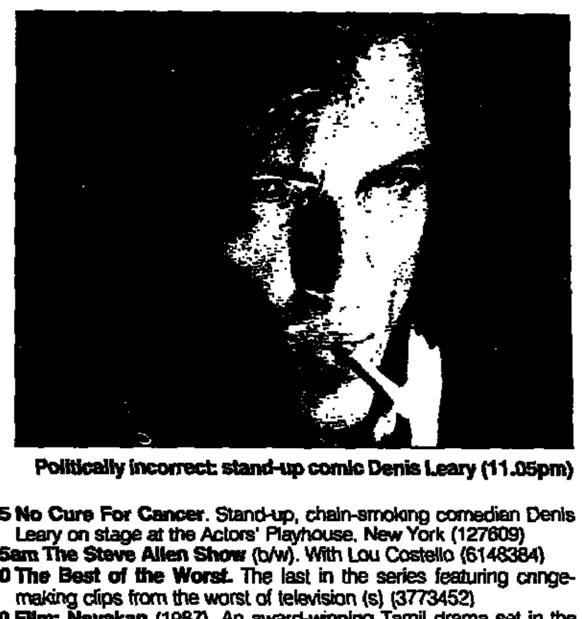


Newly-weds: Paris Jefferson and Simon Williams (8.00pm)

8.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor. The cerebral sleuth is called in to solve the mystery of why Lord St Simon refuses to set foot in Glaven Castle and why his aunts are fearful that his marriage to an American heiress might fail. Starring Jeremy Brett, Edward Hardwicke, Simon Williams and Paris Jefferson. (Teletext) (5135)
10.00 News at Ten. (Teletext) Weather (34406) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (863319)
10.40 The Big Fight — Live! The WBC World featherweight championship bout between Britain's Paul Hodkinson and Ricardo Cepeda of Costa Rica. The commentators are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt. Plus highlights of tonight's Coca-Cola cup fifth round replay between Sheffield Wednesday and Ipswich Town at Hillsborough (6718999)
12.00 Film: Where Does It Hurt? (1971) starring Peter Sellers and Jo Ann Pflug. Disappointing black comedy, a lot of it in bad taste, about a hospital run by a corrupt Sellers and staffed by money-hungry incompetents. Directed by Rod Amateau (30655)
1.30am Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure time guide (s) (57636)
2.30 The Chrystal Rose Show. A repeat of the chat show shown at 2.15pm (44984)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. The latest video releases reviewed by Mariella Frostrup (43487)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (81181)
5.00 Riviera. French soap following the fluctuating fortunes of the aristocratic de Courcey family (r) (68810)
5.30 ITN Morning News (66891). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Spiff and Hercules (5367864) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (37932)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (44883)
9.30 Schools (125680)
12.00 The Parliament Programme with Anne Perkins (31319)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (94067) **1.30 Lift Off**. Young people's entertainment (s) (74512)
2.00 Film: Four Sons (1940, b/w) starring Don Ameche. Stirring updated re-make of a 1928 silent drama about a Czech family's different reactions to the invasion of their country by the Nazis. Directed by Archie Mayo (549883)
3.40 The Three Stooges in *Fuelin Around* (1949, b/w) (1375393)
4.00 Birdscape. Wildlife artist Bruce Pearson is on Dorset's Canford Heath, an area that was once threatened with a housing development but is now home to a teeming collection of wildlife including snakes, lizards and falcons (r). (Teletext) (57)
4.30 Countdown Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (1825512)
5.05 Wednesday Weepie Paula Yates introduces another real-life romantic story (1941425)
5.15 Film: Those She Left Behind (1989) starring Gary Cole. A sentimental made-for-television drama about a man widowed when his wife dies in childbirth. He struggles to bring his baby daughter up with the help of his mother-in-law but eventually it proves too much and he decides to put the child up for adoption. Directed by Waris Hussein (s) (94366796)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (341749)
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Conservative party politician (606999)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (3680)
8.30 Travelog Robert Elms tours Chile while Pete McCarthy investigates the reality behind the adverts for cheap flights to far-flung places. (Teletext) (s) (2715)
9.00 Dispatches.
● CHOICE: Television's most detailed report yet on ethnic cleansing in Bosnia gains authority from being told by the people at the sharp end. Muslims of northern Bosnia, some in exile in Britain, provide a graphic first-hand account of beatings, torture, rape and murder by Serbs determined to enforce racial domination. The instigators, moreover, are not drunken louts on a spree but identified as policemen, soldiers, prison guards and local government officials. Villagers talk of girls of 12 and 13 being raped and of a schoolteacher being killed by his former pupils, so slowly that he took ten days to die. A Red Cross man says he has never seen atrocities like it, not even in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. A Serbian mayor can still go before the cameras and deny it all. But this is not sort of evidence that people make up (660135)
9.45 Snapshots The series in which famous people return to places that are significant to them continues with Enoch Powell paying a visit to Cambridge where his life took on a new meaning in the 1930s when he heard the lectures of A.E. Housman (r) (478864)
10.00 The Golden Girls. Dorothy becomes excited when her favourite television game show holds auditions locally. (Teletext) (s) (32048)
10.30 Nightingales Off-beat comedy starring Robert Lindsay, David Threlfall and James Ellis as night security guards (s) (904947)



Politically incorrect: stand-up comic Denis Leary (11.05pm)

11.05 No Cure For Cancer. Stand-up, chain-smoking comedian Denis Leary on stage at the Actors' Playhouse, New York (127609)
12.15am The Steve Allen Show (b/w). With Lou Costello (6148384)
12.50 The Best of the Worst. The last in the series featuring cringe-making clips from the worst of television (s) (3773452)
1.20 Film: Nayakan (1987). An award-winning Tamil drama set in the Bombay underworld, starring Kamala Hussan and directed by Mani Rathnam (29310926). Ends at **4.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Gardening Time (488203) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5373048) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8359154) **6.00** Home and Away (448357) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (373680) **12.00** The Twilight Zone (6225487) **12.35** Film: Morons from Outer Space (623907) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (46655) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5384907) **3.40** The New Music (8133487) **4.30** Rivera (95452) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (68810)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15 Gardening Time (488203) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (2376406) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5373048) **6.00** Lookaround (64) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (16) **12.00** Love at First Sight (6225487) **12.35** Film: Morons from Outer Space (623907) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (46655) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5384907) **3.40** The New Music (8133487) **4.30** Rivera (95452) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (68810)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (497951) **1.45** Home and Away (496222) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (488203) **3.20-3.50** GP (5373048) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8359154) **6.00** Home and Away (448357) **6.25-7.00** Central News (373680) **12.00** Film: Code Name — Minus One (499742) **1.50** The War of the Worlds (4626623) **2.40** Entertainment UK (8214162) **3.40** BPM (3678655) **4.40** Jobfinder (4263365) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3790758)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (497951) **1.45** Home and Away (496222) **2.15-2.45** Wish You Were Here..? (488203) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5373048) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8359154) **6.00** Home and Away (64) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (16) **12.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (6225487) **12.35** Film: Morons from Outer Space (623907) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (46655) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5384907) **3.40** The New Music (8133487) **4.30** Rivera (95452) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (68810)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (496222) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (488203) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5373048) **6.00** HTV News (64) **6.30-7.00** Between Two Rivers (16) **12.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (7976568) **12.25** In Profile (7530181) **12.35** Film: Morons from Outer Space (Griff Rhys Jones, Mel Smith, James B. Sikking) (623907) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (46655) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5384907) **3.40** The New Music (8133487) **4.30** Rivera (95452) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (68810)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Trailblazers

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Dining in France (488203) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5373048) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (64) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (16) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (68810)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Wish You Were Here..? (488203) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5373048) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (64) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (16) **12.00** Ice Hockey (9811988) **12.55** American Gladiators (4660346) **1.45** Hollywood Report (21346) **2.15** Videofashion (46655) **2.45** Kojak (5384907) **3.40** Music Box (3678655) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (5037636)

ULSTER
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Love at First Sight (488203) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (52390) **12.00** Champions (6225487) **12.35** Film: Morons from Outer Space (623907) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (46655) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5384907) **3.40** The New Music

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (496222) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Focus (488203) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (5373048) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (52390) **12.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (65162) **12.35** Film: Morons from Outer Space (623907) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (46655) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5384907) **3.40** The New Music (8133487) **4.30** Riviera (95452) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (68810)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Wish you Were Here..? (488203) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5373048) **5.55** Calendar (492852) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (16) **12.00** The Equalizer (9811988) **12.55** American Gladiators (4660346) **1.45** Hollywood Report (21346) **2.15** Videofashion! (46655) **2.45** Kojak (5384907) **3.40** Music Box (3678655)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (37932) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (44883) **9.30** Yegolion (125680) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (31319) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (75241) **1.00** Lift Off (47319) **1.30** Waterways (74512) **2.00** Film: Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe (549883) **3.40** Joe McDoakes (8167357) **3.55** Decisions, Decisions (6467390) **4.25** Slot 23 (8185406) **5.00** Countdown (4796) **5.30** Brookside (93) **6.00** News (684135) **6.10** Heno (479203) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4932) **7.30** Ar Y Tir (70) **8.00** Glan Hafren (3680) **8.30** News (549390) **8.55** Awe USA (559777) **9.25** Stephen King's Golden Years (386861) **10.20** Film: The Stunt Man (24527048) **12.45** The Best of the Worst

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36629425) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5021357) **9.10** Cartoons (8768135) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (28357) **10.00** Strike it Rich (46116) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (73319) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (83135) **12.00** Falcon Crest (77280) **1.00pm** E Street (87951) **1.30** Another World (6319929) **2.15** Santa Barbara (678725) **2.45** Maude (431816) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (681339) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8484262) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5203) **6.00** Rescue (5154) **6.30** E Street (6406) **7.00** Alf (6932) **7.30** Family Ties (5390) **8.00** S.I.B.S. (5680) **8.30** Round Table (99809) **9.30** Hill Street Blues (78406) **10.30** Studs (74048) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (44488) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (6172116) **9.30** Nightline (47059) **10.30** Fashion TV (55777) **11.30** International Business Report (41593) **1.30pm** Good Morning America (50222) **2.30** Parliament (3403864) **3.15** Parliament (73039951) **5.00** Live at Five (397845) **7.30** Fashion TV (583086) **10.30** Nightline (96680) **11.30** ABC News (65951) **12.30am** Fashion TV (19617) **1.30** ABC News (79126) **2.30** Those Were The Days (53618) **3.30** ABC News (52425) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (33568) **5.30** ABC News (11365)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2164154)
10.00 The Best of Benny Hill (1974): Comedy sketches (93661)
12.00 Hello Down There (1969): A family lives underwater (51048)
2.00pm They All Laughed (1981): Comedy about four private detectives (34932)
4.00 Batman (1966): Adam West as the caped crusader (1785)
6.00 The Best of Benny Hill (as 10am) (74015970)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (356357)
8.00 Blue Heat (1990): An undercover narcotics squad, led by Brian Dennehy, discovers a powerful drugs ring (99241)
10.00 Strangers (1991): James Healey has an affair with a psychotic woman (92154)
11.30 Cecilia: Adult drama (192681)
1.05am Look Who's Talking (1989): Bruce Willis is the voice of baby Mickey (263704)
2.40 Enemy Unseen (1989): Mercenaries rescue an heiress (532278)
4.15 The Face of Fear (1990): A psychic helps the police to track a serial killer (477907). Ends at 5.90

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.15pm Fool's Parade (1971): George Kennedy stalks James Stewart, one of three former convicts (32525864)
8.00 Privates on Parade (1984): Musical comedy starring John Cleese (19661)
10.00 Full Moon High (1981): Footballer Adam Arkin turns into a werewolf (990970). Ends at 11.40

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am Ghost in the Invisible Bikini (1966): Boris Karloff has to perform a good deed before going to Heaven (45512)
8.30 Beach Party. (1964): Frankie Avalon musical comedy (50671661)
10.15 Bolero (1934, b/w): Drama about a dancer's rise to fame (684970)
11.45 The Buccaneer (1938, b/w): Swashbuckling drama starring Frederic March (43354845)
1.55pm St Louis Blues (1958): Biopic of the songwriter W.C. Handy (55970338)
3.35 Treasure Island: Cartoon (5912661)
5.00 Bloodhounds of Broadway (1989): Gangster comedy (61574)
7.00 King of the Wind (1989). A mute Arab boy befriends a wild stallion (91154)
9.00 Heaven Tonight (1987): Aging rock 'n' roll star John Waters attempts to recapture his former glory (56154)
11.00 The Handmaid's Tale (1990): Natasha Richardson rebels against a futuristic breeding programme (695048)
12.55am Blaze (1989): Louisiana governor Paul Newman has an affair with stripper Lolita Davidovich (384471)
2.55 In the Custody of Strangers (1982): Martin Sheen's son Emilio Estevez is imprisoned (250162)
4.35 Autumn Leaves (1956): Joan Crawford marries younger man Cliff Robertson (94068891). Ends at 6.20

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (84390) **7.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (28222) **7.30** Motor World (47357) **8.00** Watersports (16131) **9.00** Stretch (46154) **9.30** The Footballers' Football Show (78357) **11.30** Stretch (45574) **12.00** Boots and All (50845) **1.00pm** Australian Open Tennis (230086) **3.30** Motor World (2241) **4.00** The Footballers' Football Show (4357) **5.00** Soccer News (101574) **5.03** Drag Racing (8425) **6.30** The Club Show (9777) **7.00** FA Cup Football (106715) **10.00** Soccer News (843262) **10.03** Ringside (48661) **12.00** Jack High (40452) **1.00-3.00am** FA Cup Football (25758)

EUROSPORT
6.30am Alpine Skiing (77154) **8.00** Step Aerobics (58999) **8.30** Alpine Skiing (92241) **10.00** Step Aerobics (62898) **10.30** Eurogoals (84203) **11.30** Alpine Skiing (13593) **12.30pm** Athletics (25338) **2.00** Tennis (465970) **5.00** Alpine Skiing (9661) **6.00** Kick Boxing (74425) **7.00** Basketball (78222) **8.30** Eurosport News (5845) **9.00** Tennis (50406) **10.30** Alpine Skiing (73338) **11.30-12.00** Eurosport News (99222)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am ASP Surfing (66654) **8.00** Volvo PGA Golf (16113) **9.00** PBA Ten Pin Bowling (38512) **10.00** Kick Boxing (34883) **11.00** Grundig Global Adventure Sport (75715) **11.30** Superbowl XXVII (76203) **1.30pm** Mickey Thompson Off Road Racing (61951) **2.00** Pro Box 1993 (72116) **4.00** Monster Trucks (9390) **4.30** European Indoor Hockey Final (66048) **5.30** Ladies Pro Ten Pin Bowling (59222) **6.30** Pro Kick (27135) **7.30** Football Europa (6203) **8.00** White Water Rafting (2512) **8.30** NBA Basketball (59883) **10.30-12.30am** Superbowl XXVII (86390)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38417203) **6.15** Button Moon (38445086) **6.30** Jem (1244357) **7.00** The Animated Flash Gordon (3477574) **7.30** Neighbours (3496609) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5078406) **8.30** EastEnders (5077777) **9.00** The Bill (5091357) **9.30** One by One (5890864) **10.30** A Very Peculiar Practice (7896593) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (6622311) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5071593) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5660338) **1.00** EastEnders (3476845) **1.30** The Bill (5669609) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (7884222) **2.30** Just Good Friends (3904067) **3.00** Dallas (8527947) **4.00** The Animated Flash Gordon (3995319) **4.30** Degrassi Junior High (3984203) **5.00** Neighbours (7875574) **5.30** Dr Who (3908883) **6.00** One by One (5676357) **7.00** Father, Dear Father (7895338) **7.30** Don't Wait Up (3985932) **8.00** EastEnders (7804086) **8.30** Just Good Friends (7883593) **9.00** A Very Peculiar Practice (3787116) **10.00** The Bill (5072222) **10.30** Happy Families (5081970) **11.00** Dick Emery (80841940) **11.30** Film: The Affairs of Annabel (1938, b/w) starring Lucille Ball and Jack Oakie (9046574) **12.50-2.00am** Video Bites (64280425)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00 On Air**, presented by Andrew Lyle. Including Berlioz (Overture, Roman Carnival: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham); Ibert (Saxophone Concerto: John Harle; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Haydn (Symphony No 22 in E flat, Philosopher: Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Gerard Schwartz); Rossini (Overture, Semiramide: London Classical Players under Roger Norrington)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Brahms. Theme and Variations, arr from String Sextet, Op 18, second movement (Emmanuel Ax, piano); String Quintet in G, Op 111 (Amadeus Quartet, with Cecil Aronowitz, viola); Variations on a theme by Haydn, Op 56b (Murray Perahia and Georg Solti, pianos)
10.00 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe. Turina (La Oración del Torero: English CO under José Serebrier); Franck (Violin Sonata in A: Joshua Bell, violin, Jean Yves Thibaudet, piano); Delalande (Dies Irae: Chorus and Orchestra of La Chapelle Royale under Philippe Herreweghe, with Linda Perillo and Patrizia Kwella, sopranos, Peter Harvey, baritone); Martin (Harpsichord Concerto: Christiane Jaccottet: Lausanne CO under the composer); Friedman (Music Box: Stephen Hough, piano); Milhaud (Le Boeuf sur le toit: French National Orchestra under Leonard Bernstein)
12.00 Tippett and Bridge: Raphael Wallfisch, cello; Ulster Orchestra under Nicholas Braithwaite performs Tippett (Concerto for double string orchestra); Bridge (Oration) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Vanbrugh Quartet — Gregory Ellis and Elizabeth Charleson, violins, Simon Aspell, viola, Christopher Marwood, cello — performs Schubert (Quartet movement in C minor, D703); Beethoven (Quartet in E minor, Op 59 No 2, Razumovsky)
2.00 Record Review, with Richard Osborne. Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* by Julian Budden, and David Fanning reviews new piano releases from Horowitz, Cherkassky, Richter, Stephen Kovacevich and Mitsuko Uchida (r)
3.30 Heifetz, violin, plays Brahms, arr Joachim (Hungarian Dance No 11 in D minor); Brahms, arr Kreisler (Hungarian Dance No 17 in F minor: Brooks Smith, piano); Glazunov (Violin Concerto in A minor: London Philharmonic under John Barbirolli)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from St Paul's Cathedral, London
5.00 In Tune: Andrew Green's guest is the pianist Leslie Howard
7.30 Berlin Philharmonic under Kurt Sanderling performs Mozart (Piano Concerto No 23 in A, K488: Mitsuko Uchida); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, D944, Great)
8.55 The Man with Night Sweats: Thom Gunn introduces a selection of his poems, including the unpublished "At the Barriers", in memory of the poet Robert Duncan
9.05 Allan Schiller, piano, plays Beethoven (Sonata in C, Op 53, Waldstein); Prokofiev (Visions fugitives, Op 22) (r)
10.00 John Harle's Berliner Band performs Gary Carpenter (Berlinermusik I), Eisler (The Love Market; Ballad of Marie Sanders), Harle (Stock Exchange Song; Cradle Song); Dominic Muldowney (The duration of exile) (r)
10.45 Night Waves: John Tusa examines how war and occupation changes the lives of ordinary people
11.30 Airs and Dances: Martino Tirimo, piano, plays Schubert (Six Atzenbrugge Dances; Four Waltzes: in A flat, D365 No 2, B minor, D145 No 6; B, D365 No 22; A, D779 No 13). Respighi (Ancient Airs and Dances, Set 1); Chopin (Three Mazurkas, in C, Op 24 No 2, B flat minor, Op 24 No 4; C sharp minor, Op 50 No 3; Two Waltzes: in A minor, Op 34 No 2; in A flat, Op 34 No 1)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Stephen Shipley **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.55** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves's birthday guest is Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage (s)
10.00-10.30 News; Greek as a Treat (FM only): The ancient Greeks were not only fervent academics but, as Peter France discovers, they were also enthusiastic about drink, sex, sport and nudity (1/6) (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Screwtape Letters (LW only): Letters from a Senior to a Junior Devil, by C.S. Lewis. With Gerald Harper as Screwtape. Final episode
10.30 Woman's Hour examines the mother-baby bond; discusses Emily's List; and reports on the financial worth of a housewife. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones chairs a postbag edition (r) (s)
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm A Whole New Ball Game: The first of a six-part black comedy by Martin Davies. With Paul Parris as Robert Patterson, Desmond Barritt as Father Benedict and Brenda Blethyn as Mrs Patterson (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Child's Play: Just 14, by Amanda Swift. The last in a series of five plays about childhood. Middle-class Georgia, 14, learns about life and love on a Welsh camping holiday. With Claire Skinner
2.47 More Wrestling Than Dancing: David Moreau muses on life's oddities
3.00 File on 4: Wendy Jones reports
3.42 Scales
● CHOICE: While this modestly designed feature about a piano tuner does not tell us much about piano tuning generally, it tells us more about one particular tuner than you would think possible in 18 minutes. Life administered one hard knock after the other to Marlowe Pratt. First, he lost his sight. Then his mother rejected him. The final blow fell after his father died and the news broke that he had two sons by a previous marriage and they had a claim on his estate. The scales of fortune have subsequently begun tilting in Pratt's favour (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the week's film releases, including Louis Malle's *Damage*, and *Honey, I Blew Up the Baby*, the sequel to *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*; and looks at the Rank Film archive on video (s)
4.45 Short Story: As the Show Fits, by Daphne Glazer. Read by Sunny Ormonde
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin chairs the musical quiz (r) (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Counting the Cost: Brian Widlake presents the fifth of six profiles of winners and losers in the recession
8.45 The Hospital: Fourth of an eight-part fly-on-the-wall documentary series about life in Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Thus Was Adonis Murdered, by Sarah Caudwell (8/10) (s)
11.00 Hindsight (r) (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Select-a-Brit **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **9.00** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Greenwood **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Neil Kinnock **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Barn Dance **8.30** Squeezing Round the World (r) **9.00** Bombay Mix **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.15** Comedy Bookcase **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: World News, **6.09** News About Britain; **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Education Matters **1.05** Schools: Topic Resources 7-9; **1.20** Dance Workshop, **1.40** Verse Universe; **1.50** Time and Tune — Music Course 2; **2.10** Drama Workshop **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Up the Gods: Final part of John Walsh's sporting comedy (r) **7.15** The Return of the Indian (3/5) **7.30** Gary Lineker's Football Night **10.10** Hit the North, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.14** Travel **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Development '93 **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music from the Med **8.30** Jazz Score **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Country Style **9.30** Travelling Tales **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** Writers in a Nutshell **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Four Short Stories: 2. Rawdon's Roof **2.45** Good Books **3.00** World News **3.15** Poets and Places **3.30** Back to Square One **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.14** Travel **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** News **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** News **10.10** News About Britain **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** From Our Own Correspondent **11.30** Multitrack 2 **Midnight** News **12.30am** Back to Square One **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** The Farming World **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Assignment **4.00** News **4.15** The Farming World

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Haydn (Cello Concerto in D), Beethoven (Sonata Pathétique) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Book Browse **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Basle Radio SO performs Wagner (Wesendonck lieder), Beethoven (Die Geschöpfe des Prometheus) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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Everton sign Sansom on free transfer as Keown's replacement



Sansom: experience

BY IAN ROSS

TWENTY-four hours after selling Martin Keown to Arsenal for £2 million, Everton yesterday replaced the England central defender as economically as possible, signing Kenny Sansom from Coventry City on a free transfer.

Almost as soon as the the deal which took Keown, 26, back to his first club was completed, Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, began talks with Coventry about Sansom. The 34-year-old full back, himself a former Arsenal player, had been unable to command a first-team place at Highfield Road in recent weeks.

Sansom, a former England international with 86 caps, is expected to make his debut for the Merseyside club against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on Saturday, allowing Gary Ablett to move into the centre of defence as a replacement for the departed Keown. Ablett made his name as a central defender at Liverpool before joining Everton.

Kendall was quick to insist yesterday that the signing of Sansom was not a gamble: "Kenny played against us at Goodison Park recently and was absolutely superb," he said. "He is a model professional of great experience. His attitude is first-class and I do believe that he still has so much to offer.

"I remember that a few eyebrows were raised back in the Eighties when I signed another so-called veteran, Paul Power, in similar circumstances. He came to this club and did a remarkable job and I will be looking for the same sort of contribution from Kenny."

Prior to joining Coventry from Queens Park Rangers for a fee of £100,000 in March, 1991, Sansom had also played for Crystal Palace and Newcastle United.

Arsenal are expected to field three central defenders — Tony Adams, David Linighan and David O'Leary — in their FA Cup fourth-round replay against Leeds United at Elland Road tonight in a team depleted by injuries to Steve Bould (thigh), Anders Limpar (calf), Mark Flatts (knee) and Neil Heaney (ankle) and suspension, which has ruled out John Jensen. David Hillier, who damaged his thigh in the 1-0 defeat by Liverpool at Highbury at the weekend, is also doubtful. Ian Wright, however, returns to lead the attack after a three-match suspension.

Leeds, who drew the original tie at Highbury 2-2 after leading 2-0, may risk Lee Chapman in attack if he can recover from an injured groin muscle. Chris Fairclough (ankle) and Gordon Strachan (hamstring) may also miss the tie.

The winners will meet the winners of tonight's replay between Middlesbrough or Nottingham Forest in the fifth round. Stuart Pearce, the Forest and England captain, will miss the game with injury.

Dalian Atkinson will miss Aston Villa's visit to Wimbledon, but Ray Houghton returns after missing the 2-0 defeat at Southampton on Saturday..

Nigel Jemson is standing by for Sheffield Wednesday in their Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final replay against Ipswich Town at Hillsborough. Both Wednesday's first-choice forwards, Mark Bright and David Hirst, are injured.

Barnet yesterday lost their appeal against a £50,000 fine imposed by the Football League for financial irregularities. After a four-hour meeting at White Hart Lane, Tottenham Hotspur's headquarters, a Football Association board of appeal rejected the third division club's case that the fine, imposed in November after investigations into their finances, was too great.

Barnet were also ordered to pay the costs of the appeal by the board. The Football League yesterday confirmed that it plans to re-inspect Barnet's books in April.

Brighton, of the second division, who face a winding-up order in the High Court next week, have failed in an attempt to solve their financial problems by gaining planning permission to redevelop their Goldstone Ground as a non-food retail unit. The scheme was rejected by two votes by Hove council's planning committee yesterday.

Fletcher warns Middlesex spinners to 'get it right or you might as well go home'

Tufnell and Emburey thrown into firing line

FROM PETER BALL IN CALCUTTA

AS WAS inevitable, India took little more than an hour yesterday morning to win the first Test match by eight wickets. It was only their second victory in 18 Tests under the captaincy of Azharuddin, their previous success being against Sri Lanka in November 1990.

Azharuddin was also man of the match, and the only satisfaction for England yesterday was the performance of Graeme Hick, who claimed both wickets to finish with match figures of five for 28. In a game dominated by the Indian spinners, however, Hick's success is an embarrassment rather than a source of rejoicing for England. It highlighted the absence of John Emburey and Phil Tufnell.

"The batsmen started to get it right in the second innings, so getting our spinners right is our biggest problem," Keith Fletcher, the England manager, said. "They both know they haven't bowled well."

> 'Tufnell is said to find India disorientating in various ways. Fletcher, therefore, can act in one of two ways. He can either change Tufnell's attitude or send him home and fetch out another bowler who is ready and willing to grab the opportunity.'
>
> **David Miller, page 38**

The pair were left out of the England team on a pitch that turned from early on. England went into the match with four seam bowlers, leaving the spin in the hands of Salisbury, who had not even been a member of the original party.

Emburey and Tufnell had been expected to be the key to success when England left home in December, proclaiming their intention to take on the Indians at their own game. The original strategy was soon in tatters. By hitting Emburey into oblivion in Faridabad and Delhi, Navjot Sidhu, the Indian opening batsman, did as much to win the first Test as Azharuddin did with his breathtaking 182.

But if Sidhu had a dramatic effect on Emburey, whose subsequent loss of health, form and rhythm persuaded him to suggest that he should not play, Tufnell's problems are more insidious. Some suggest that he is struggling to adjust to India itself.

Fletcher showed little sympathy. "On tour you have just got to get out there and make the most of it," he said. "If you don't, you might as well go home."

It has not reached that stage yet, but both Emburey and Tufnell have something to prove against the Rest of India in Vishakhapatnam, the only match before the second Test in Madras. "We need them to bowl 20 to 30 overs in tandem," Fletcher said.

Geoff Arnold, who arrived in time for the first Test for his month as bowling coach, was optimistic yesterday that the pair were coming through their difficulties.

Tufnell's match-winning contributions in three Tests out of ten offered a strong case for his inclusion in Calcutta. As a player of mood, he might have been expected to be inspired by an 80,000 crowd in one of world cricket's most imposing arenas, especially on a turning pitch.

That argument did not carry the day. "He's been playing on turning wickets since he got here and hasn't bowled well," Fletcher said.

Salisbury took one for 88 in 23 overs of leg spin, a sharp contrast to the Indian spinners as well as Hick. That also reflected the difference in the batting. If spin bowling is England's main problem, batting against it is not far behind.

"When you are 40 for four, it is always going to be an uphill struggle," Graham Gooch, the England captain, said. "One or two struggle to cope. We talked about how to bat in the conditions, but you can't bat for players."

Smith coped least well, and his position may be under threat, although any player with a Test average of nearly 50 who is third in the world ratings deserves a chance to sort things out.

Fairbrother, too, may deserve another chance, although he should be encouraged to play his natural game. There may also be a strong case for relieving Alec Stewart of his wicketkeeping responsibilities to enable him to open, with Atherton returning at No. 3 and Blakey coming in at No. 6. But that is likely to be too radical a departure from the game plan.

The Indian selectors have named the same squad for the second Test and confirmed Azharuddin as captain for the rest of the series.



Post-match depression: Gooch after England's defeat by India in Calcutta. Photograph: Graham Morris

India won toss

INDIA

First Innings 371 (M Azharuddin 182, S R Tendulkar 50)

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M Prabhakar b Hick	13	0	0	85	64
Attempting big hit					
N S Sidhu st Stewart b Hick	37	1	5	102	88
Leaping out to drive					
V G Kambli not out	18	0	2	34	28
S R Tendulkar not out	9	0	3	17	19
Extras (lb 4, nb 1)	5				
Total (2 wkts, 121 min, 29.2 overs)	82				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51 (Sidhu 34), 2-62 (Kambli 8).

BOWLING: Malcolm 6-1-16-0 (2-1-5-0, 4-0-11-0); Jarvis 5.2-1-23-0 (2-1-1-0, 3.2-0-22-0); Taylor 3-1-9-0 (nb1) (one spell); Salisbury 6-3-16-0 (1-0-7-0, 5-3-9-0); Lewis 3-1-5-0; Hick 6-1-8-2 (one spell each).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Fourth day: Close 36-0 (Sidhu 20, Prabhakar 12; 12 overs). Fifth day: 50: 79 min, 19 overs. India won at 10.22am.

ENGLAND

First Innings 163

Second Innings 286 (M W Gatting 81)

Umpires: P D Reporter and S Venkataraghavan.

Man of the match: M Azharuddin.

India won by eight wickets

MATCHES TO COME: Feb 11-15: second Test (Madras); Feb 19-23: third Test (Bombay).

Richards recalled as replacement for injured Rodber

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WALES will take scant consolation from the news yesterday that England have been forced to change their squad for the five nations' rugby union championship match in Cardiff on Saturday. The withdrawal of Tim Rodber from the replacements serves only to restore England's most capped No. 8, Dean Richards, to the party which assembles in Gloucester today.

Rodber suffered a gash in the leg, which required 24 stitches, during training with Northampton last Thursday. He could not train with England at the weekend and now gives way to Richards who has, in many ways, been here before.

The Leicester No. 8, who won his 34th cap against Canada last October, came off the bench during the game against Scotland last season, when Rodber was injured, and brought stability to a shaky side. Though Richards missed the match against Ireland, he was preferred for the last two internationals and played a valuable role in England's second successive grand slam.

That he is there or thereabouts again will be, with no disrespect to Rodber, a comforting thought for his colleagues and a spur to Ben Clarke, the Bath No. 8, who is now the first choice and who produced a strong performance in the victory by a single point over France last month.

Clarke is one of only three England players — Ian Hunter and Martin Bayfield being the others — who have not experienced an international at the Arms Park, which for 28 years held so many fears for the English. The 1991 team banished that particular bogy on the way to the grand slam but Geoff Cooke, the manager, does not acknowledge any significant psychological advantage for his players, who will start as favourites.

"We may just have an edge," he said. "Wales will play on a tide of national emotion and pride, and the desire to perform well at home. Of all the teams they don't want to lose to, it's England. Against that, we have the confidence of a winning side, we have the winning habit. That gives us an edge, but it's not a lot. The contest is one of physical ability and we want to cut away all the emotion."

Ieuan Evans, the Welsh captain, is seeking to make the Arms Park an inhospitable venue for visiting teams again. "We aim to make it a fearsome place," he said, though that should depend upon his team's quality rather than the crowd's. "It's important we reintroduce the Cardiff element to our home games so that opposition sides do not look forward to coming here."

☐ Robert Liley, the Wakefield stand-off half, is to team up with his brother, John, at Leicester next season. Chris Tarbuck, the Saracens flanker, is also joining the Welford Road club.

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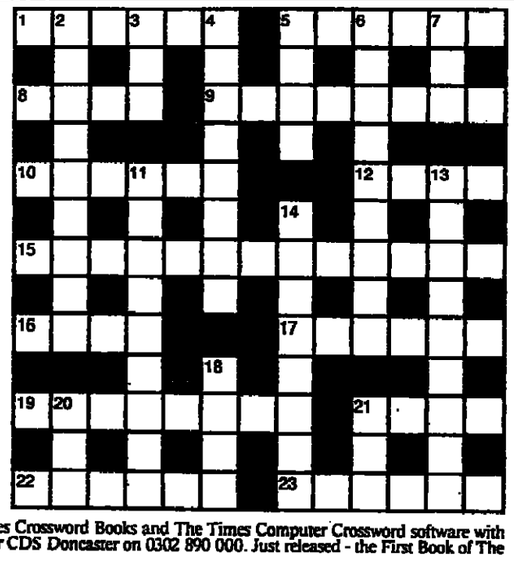
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10 Blossom (6)
12 Formal dress (4)
15 In the end (6,2,5)
16 In this place (4)
17 Shilly shally (6)
19 Set in motion (8)
21 Ribbon (4)
22 Degrees (6)
23 Clock regulation (6)

DOWN

2 Body of laws (5,4)
3 Plunder (3)
4 Mexican straw hat (8)
5 Uncommon (4)
6 Bringing Up Baby star (4,5)
7 Wound discharge (3)
11 Straying (9)
13 At which (9)
14 Inclination (8)
18 Scots girl (4)
20 Thonged whip (3)
21 Male cat (3)



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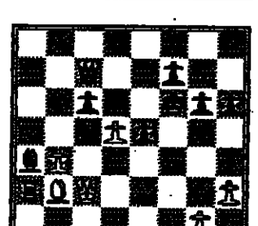
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

World champion Gary Kasparov is here seen on the receiving end against Holland's Jan Timman, a Candidate's finalist. Timman — Kasparov, Holland 1985. White has a good attack, but his bishop is pinned. How should he proceed?



Solution on page 36

WORD-WATCHING

IDDINGSITE
a. A baby evangelical sectarian
b. An orange-brown silicate
c. In the same place

CONCHER
a. A style of women's hat
b. A chocolate kneader
c. To abstain from warfare

SLEEPER
a. To notch a calf's ear
b. A French slipper
c. A goose-feather duvet

REINGA
a. Maori limbo
b. An Eskimo sledge
c. An Indonesian revenant

Answers on page 36